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IRON LADY SHARP AS EVER

Baroness Margaret Thatcher makes the inaugural presentation of the Baroness Thatcher Sword of Honour to the most outstanding junior under officer at the Duke of York's Royal Military School. The former prime minister was at the Guston school to show her support for people in the armed forces.

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■ BY MARIJKE COX

DOVER CARNIVAL is back on after its organisers backed down in a row over starting times.

The carnival had been cancelled in a dispute between Dover Carnival Association Ltd (DCAL) and Dover District Council's events committee over what time the parade should start.

Members of the council wanted the parade to begin at 6pm, but the organisers, DCAL, wanted it to start at 3pm. Despite a compromise of 5pm, it was changed back to 6pm by the council and so DCAL called off the event.

But now the organisers have decided to give the later time a go instead of cancelling the carnival.

Mandie Sehmbi, chairman of DCAL, said: "We're going to try the carnival at 6pm. At least then it can't be said that we didn't have a go."

"We had a meeting at Dover District Council about it a couple of weeks ago."

"There were no major concerns brought up, but I was annoyed about how the whole thing has been dealt with. We agreed on a 5pm start and they changed their minds and said 6pm."

Members of the events committee at the council said the carnival had always started at 6pm in the past and it was only last year it had been at 3pm, due to a problem with the route.

Discussions between the council and police had led to the decision that it would be better for the carnival to take place at the usual time of 6pm this year to lessen disruption on the roads.

When it was originally cancelled, Cllr Sue Nicholas said the authority supported the event but simply wanted the starting time to change.

Following the announcement it is back on, she said: "I'm delighted the carnival is going ahead – it gives so much pleasure to so many people."

Dover Carnival will now take place on Saturday, July 5, at 6pm.



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'Growth plan is too high'

■ BY MARIJKE COX

HUNDREDS of concerned residents turned out on Friday night to oppose plans to build up to 14,000 homes in the district.

Two separate meetings were held by the Sholden and Whitfield Action Groups, who both strongly oppose proposals set out in the recently published local development framework (LDF).

Charlie Elphicke, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, attended the Whitfield Action Group (WAG) meeting to show his support for residents.

Mr Elphicke, who at the beginning of the month visited WAG to hear their concerns, said the group is not against development but doesn't see the need for more than 10,000 homes locally.

Others attending the meeting included Cllr Clive Meredith, leader of the Liberal Democrats at Dover District Council (DDC), and Cllr Peter Capper, chairman of Whitfield Parish Council.

Cllr Capper expressed the parish council's view that no more than 300 houses should be considered in Whitfield, a significantly lower figure than the 3,000 suggested in the LDF.

Roger Knight, chairman of WAG, was pleased with the turnout of some 200 people.

He said: "If we had not taken steps to hold our own public meeting and talking to the residents of Whitfield, the whole LDF process would have passed the village by with little or no

response from our community. This would give a false impression that the people of Whitfield did not care enough to comment.

"With our DDC-approved form, we can at least gather some local feeling which hopefully will register with the authorities."

The other meeting of the evening was with the Sholden Action Group, which is opposing 500 homes being built there.

Robert Jennings, who set up the group, was also pleased with the support shown by locals.

He said: "The meeting went very well. About 120 people turned up and Dr Steve Ladyman gave a frank and honest presentation.

Growth

"He pointed out that Dover District Council had applied for a growth point. Towns like Maidstone have applied for this and it basically means you follow a high-growth plan and you get rewarded.

"This was applied for in 2002 which was before the LDF was published so the council knew they were intending to follow a path of high growth.

"In our opinion this is all about Dover. But what is important there is not to Deal and Sholden.

"We understand Dover's needs and realise it may need housing, but you can't get a knife and spread this across the whole of the district.

"If they go ahead and build these homes, not only will it take up limited agricultural land but it will increase the amount of houses in Sholden by 50 per cent."

The public consultation on the LDF closes on Wednesday, May 7.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Thieves tarnishing our beauty spots

POLICE are reminding people about security when leaving their cars parked in isolated beauty spots.

In Dover, areas around the White Cliffs have been targeted and Supt Peter Wedlake is urging owners to secure their vehicles and remove any valuables, following a rise in thefts.

He said: "Thieves are looking for items with high market value, such as satellite navigation systems."

Ex-police officer joins community wardens

A NEW community warden from Deal has been recruited to assist the communities of Herne and Broomfield.

David Denne, 62, a former police officer with Kent police, is one of eight wardens collecting their uniforms before starting their duties in towns and villages across Kent.

Mr Denne said: "After my time with Kent police, I want to continue to work within the community to assist and reassure people, and hopefully make a difference to their lives."

Nuisance birds that can cost a fortune

GULLS and pigeons have forced Dover Town Council to spend an extra £10,000 on the maintenance of Maison Dieu House last year.

The Mayor of Dover, Cllr Bob Markham, said: "Pigeons continue to be a serious concern, as people continue to feed them, against unenforced by-laws."

The resident blackbird at the offices also suffered from the nuisance birds after they knocked its nest to the ground, killing one of its babies. The nest, which was regularly checked by staff, survived the scaffolding and redecoration that took place recently.

Man dies in accident

A MAN has died after the motorcycle he was riding was in collision with a car on a rural road.

The incident happened at about 10.30am on Sunday on the Alkham Valley Road between Dover and Folkestone.

The man, who has not been named, died of his injuries. A police spokesman has appealed for witnesses.

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Speed cameras haven't slowed us all down yet

Number of fines issued has doubled

THE Kent and Medway Speed Camera Partnership has released figures that show the number of people issued with speeding tickets in Dover has increased.

Despite the rising number of speed cameras installed urging people to slow down, statistics show a rise in the amount of fixed penalty notices issued last year.

Two permanent cameras are in operation on the A258 Dover Road along with a mobile camera on the same stretch.

Four other mobile operated cameras are situated on the A256 at Tilmanstone and Betteshanger and on the A2 by Guston and Lydden.

Since these were put in place over the past five years, an increase in the number of speeding drivers has been seen with 2,601 people issued with fixed penalty notices in 2007 alone.

In 2005, following the installation

■ BY MARIJKE COX

of the latest mobile speed cameras on the A2 at Guston and Lydden, the figure was 744 and in 2006, 1,157.

Figures show the speed camera at Tilmanstone has seen only a five per cent decrease in the amount of traffic exceeding the speed limit since 2003, when it was 50 per cent of traffic.

Increase

On this stretch of road the number of personal injury crashes has also increased from two people up to six although deaths have dropped from two to one.

But on the A258 Dover Road, only a small percentage of people exceeding the speed limit has been seen since the installation of the fixed cameras along the road. On this road, five deaths have occurred in recent years and improvements are being called for by the A258 Action Group.

The mobile camera along this stretch of road has seen a drop in the

number of personal injury crashes from 16 to seven, following its installation in January 2003.

Katherine Barrett, communications officer for the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership, said: "The number of fixed penalty notices issued in the Dover District in 2007 was more than double that of the year before."

"This is because, as well as the two fixed safety cameras and five mobile camera vans were enforcing the 30mph speed limit on the Sandwich bypass during the 2007 roadworks."

"Overall the number of fixed penalty notices issued in and around Dover from permanent safety camera sites has actually decreased since the partnership was formed in 2002, which is a good thing as it means fewer people are speeding."

Another spokesman from the Kent and Medway Speed Camera Partnership said: "Our objection is not to issue speeding fines but to slow motorists down."



PIER OF THE YEAR

Deal Pier has been named Pier of the Year 2008 by the National Piers Society.

A special presentation will be made at the Royal Hotel in Deal following the announcement that the local landmark beat 23 other nominated piers in the 12th annual poll.

Nigel Chandler, supervisor on Deal Pier, said: "We on Deal Pier are delighted to be named Pier of the Year."

Cllr Nigel Collor said: "This is fantastic news and we thank the National Piers Society for this prestigious award and national recognition."

The council has just started improvement work on the pier, including a new-look cafe-bar.

Website in top ten for country

DOVER District Council's website has been placed in the top ten in a national survey.

The site has been recognised as an example of best practice for links elsewhere in a report that sets the gold standard for IT in local government.

As well as being identified in the top 10 nationally for this, and for best practice in how it performs technically, the site is one of 165 nationwide to be given transactional status. This means customers are able to access a wide range of services online.

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It's Cash In The Attic, so it can only be Walmer...

Maggie pays visit to soldiers of the future to show her support

BARONESS Margaret Thatcher has paid a visit to the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Guston.

Her visit came after a conversation with her close friend, Sir John Carter, an old boy from the school, when she expressed an interest in visiting as a personal expression of support for service personnel.

Head-teacher Charles Johnson, the chief school prefect and the head boy and girl enjoyed lunch with the former prime minister on Friday last week before she inspected the whole school on parade.

She also listened to a display from the school's 115-strong military band and received the acclamation of the school in the form of three cheers.

Mr Johnson said: "Education is all about opportunity and our pupils were able to be introduced and chat informally to one of the outstanding political leaders of our time. This will stay with them all their lives."

Baroness Thatcher presented the senior inter-house drill competition

shield to Wolfe House and made the inaugural presentation of the Baroness Thatcher sword of honour to the most outstanding junior under officer.

She was also introduced to pupils at the boarding houses, some of whom have parents actively deployed in the Army and air force, along with two army sixth form scholars.

At the end of her visit a chapel service was held to mark her visit and the school colours were blessed.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School in Guston is maintained by the Ministry of Defence and provides a boarding education for children whose parents are serving in the British military.

It was founded in 1803 by the younger son of King George the Third, Field Marshall Frederick Duke of York, in Chelsea, but moved to Dover in 1909.

For more information about the school, visit www.doyrms.com.

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NEWS IN BRIEFFerry man celebrates
35 years of calm seas

A SEAFRANCE employee is celebrating 35 years of working in the ferry industry. Bill Laidlaw, sales director at the French ferry company, began his career as an office boy for P&O Ferries and has moved on to work on a number of high-profile shipping projects.

As well as working as managing director of Sealink Newhaven-Dieppe Ferries, he helped set up SeaFrance Limited when Sealink pulled out of the Sealink British Ferries Pool.

Mr Laidlaw set up the UK part of SeaFrance, which in 10 years has grown from one member of staff to 200 and operates six ferries.

Mr Laidlaw said: "Over the years I've seen fantastic growth in the ferry market and the development of new ships which has lifted the industry way beyond anybody's expectations."

For information on SeaFrance Dover-Calais sailings, visit www.seafrance.com.

Clean streets and hopes
for a world-class future

DOVER District Council is asking people for ideas on how partners in the community can continue to keep the streets clean.

A questionnaire, available at www.dover.gov.uk/streetscene, has been produced and all feedback will be considered by the council.

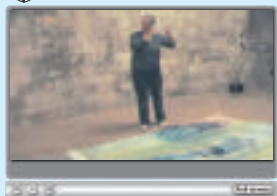
Cllr Nigel Collor, cabinet member for access and property management, said: "DDC is working hard with our partners to regenerate the district in a sustainable way for a world-class future."

"The provision of a clean, safe, accessible and attractive street scene environment will contribute towards this vision."

"We want to hear what people want and look forward to hearing your views."

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Artists from Dover and France join to create something special

Big margin for
new councillor

THERE'S a new boy on the block at Dover District Council as the Tory party candidate stormed to victory in the Little Stour and Ashstone by-election.

Mike Conolly, from Wingham Well, secured the seat with a huge 1,109 votes of the 1,681 received.

The Liberal Democrat candidate, Bryan Curtis, came second with 459 votes, while Labour candidate John Bird, who lives outside the ward, took just 113 of the votes.

Newly-elected Mr Conolly said the victory was thanks to his family and the two other Tory councillors representing the ward – Cllr Trevor Bartlett, portfolio holder for corporate performance and HR, and Cllr Susan Chandler, general purposes committee chairman.

Mr Conolly said: "I'm absolutely delighted with the percentage of votes I received."

BY MARIJKE COX

"This really is a family celebration. My wife organised the whole campaign, so a lot of it is down to her."

"Winning the election is also partly due to Trevor and Sue, who have done such a good job already and I hope that we can work together to continue the good work."

"The next step, though, is going through a huge envelope full of documents I've been given of things to learn and get to grips with."

"I haven't been a councillor before, so I really am a new boy on the block."

"I've been getting a huge amount of support from people over the last few weeks, which I'm delighted about."

Liberal Democrat campaigners were also pleased with the outcome of the election, with their proportion of the vote up from 20.2 per cent to 27.3 per cent.



NEW BOY: Mike Conolly has been elected to DDC

Cllr Clive Meredith, leader of the Liberal Democrats, said: "This result shows again that people in our area support local candidates and clearly reject contenders parachuted in from the outside."

"Also, in our villages it is clearly a two-horse race between the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives."

"Under my leadership the Liberal Democrats on DDC will continue to take the fight to the Conservatives over their plans to swamp our villages with housing and cut accommodation for elderly and disabled people."

The by-election for the ward was called following the resignation of a Conservative councillor because of personal reasons.

The Little Stour and Ashstone ward covers Ash, Wingham, Staple, Preston and the areas around these villages.

VILLAGE IN MINIATURE STEAMS IN TO THE HALL

A model railway exhibition is being held in Alkham with a special showing of an award-winning model of the village.

The attraction, named Alkham, was created by Ian Hollis from the Isle of Wight who made the replica.

Mr Hollis spent time in the village visiting houses and particular places to take photos to help him with his creation.

The period he chose for the layout is the 1950s and is based on the assumption that plans in the 1920s to develop the area for coal-mining, with a mineral line railway, went ahead.

Mr Hollis takes his mini Alkham around the country several times a year for exhibitions and is keen to visit the village as a way of saying thank you to the villagers who helped him.

Alkham will be available for viewing on Saturday, May 31, in the village hall.

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SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME: The studios are taking shape, with the first exhibition to open on Saturday, May 31

Experience the art of shopping

A CREATIVE hub for art lovers is being created in Dover's Charlton Shopping Centre.

Nine purpose-built studios are being formed to turn the upper floor of the building into a new arts venue – the Charlton Art Centre.

Artists and craftspeople will be able to hold exhibitions there and shoppers will have the chance to buy artwork and get involved in creative projects.

Targetflow, the property group that owns the shopping centre, is behind the initiative.

It has its own full-time arts development manager, Sarah Cannell.

She said: "Charlton Art Centre is an enormously exciting project that will provide a first-class home to members of the thriving community, right at the heart of a busy well-known commercial centre."

"The studios benefit from good natural light, have been tailor-made for their role and will help to form a real creative hub in this part of Kent."

Dover-based community interest company, White Nave, will be running the art centre and managing the gallery's events programme alongside Targetflow.

Already planned is the inaugural event,

■ BY MARIJKE COX

The Walls in Three Places, which is part of White Nave's contribution to the London Biennale 2008 arts festival.

More than 150 established artists from the UK have been invited to the exhibition, which is open to the public from May 13 to June 13.

Following this, the new studios will be available to lease and exhibitions will be open to the public.

Rachael Daniels, White Nave director, said: "We will work to ensure Dover's communities benefit fully from this fantastic facility."

"We will provide a full programme of events, community workshops and projects."

Eric Grey, manager of the shopping centre, said: "We are delighted we have this opportunity to support Kent artists through White Nave. Everyone is much looking forward to the launch."

The gallery will be available free of charge to local artists and arts groups with a 30 per cent commission on sales from commercial exhibitions.

Anyone interested in hiring studio space should phone Ms Daniels on 07732 426194, or email info@whitenave.com.

Treasure in the attic for eager crowds

The idea of sorting out your loft to discover you've been sitting on a fortune is one that appealed to more than 5,000 people as they headed to Walmer for the first in the BBC's Cash In The Attic roadshows.

TV presenter Lorne Spicer and antique expert Tom Keane were on hand to offer valuations. Along with thousands of more popular antiques an original Olympic torch from 1948 was discovered, although the experts were unable to put a price on it.

Julie Maddocks rummaged through the relics.

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yourdover NEWS IN BRIEF

Strategy's emphasis on young people

A NEW draft youth strategy has been produced to focus on issues affecting the district's young people.

Developed by Dover District Council and Kent County Council, it follows work with young people and listening to feedback from the voluntary, community and statutory sectors.

Cllr Julie Rook, of DDC, believes it is vital to listen to young people to ensure a community moves forward.

She said: "The previous youth strategy was a great success."

"This is our opportunity to build on that work and ensure everyone in the community continues to work together to listen to young people and deliver services for the future."

The Youth Strategy 2008-2012 will be delivered by a number of partners in the community.

Copies have already been sent to stakeholders and all feedback is welcomed and will be considered by the council and other partners. The deadline is Wednesday, May 7.

To have your say, visit www.dover.gov.uk, or for details phone youth officer Yvonne Holder on 01304 872153.

Clubhouse a step closer with cash from council

DOVER Athletic Football Club has been awarded a £10,000 grant by Dover Town Council.

The Mayor of Dover, Cllr Bob Markham, presented members of the Supporters Trust with the cheque outside the Centre Spot clubhouse.

The trust was set up to help the club through financial difficulties in the past and, despite the club being financially stable, the trust continues to assist by raising money.

The money will go towards a new clubhouse, replacing the Centre Spot, which is some 40 years old.

Scheme that really is bridging the gap

AN AWARDS night has been held to celebrate the achievements of grant-funded community and voluntary groups in the district.

Representatives from 23 groups which have received funding from Bridging The Gap, a Coalfield Regeneration Trust scheme, attended the celebration in Deal last week.

The community development team at Dover District Council organised the evening for groups which have received a total of £96,540 through the scheme for work in the coalfields community.

Funding was made available through the Trust and administered in partnership with the council.

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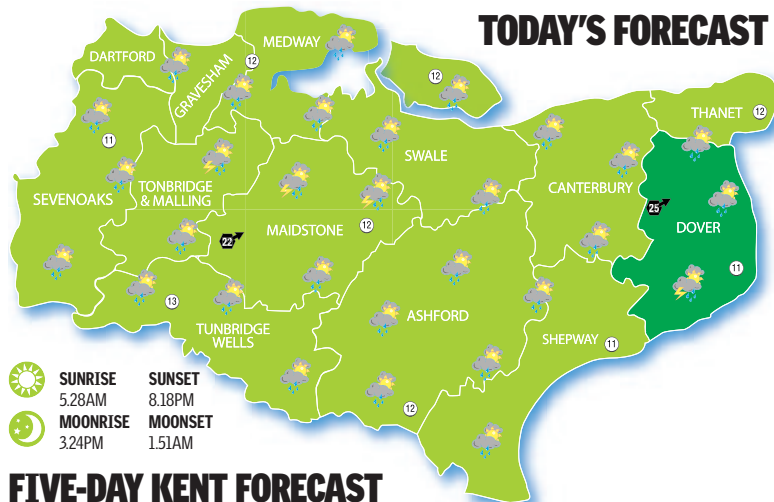
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	Sunday	9:15am	5.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:24am	6.1m
	Sunday	9:23am	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:55am	4.1m
	Sunday	9:45am	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	9:44am	4.9m
	Sunday	10:47am	5.2m
Whitstable	Saturday	9:53am	4.6m
	Sunday	10:52am	4.9m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	12°C	Madrid	18°C
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Beijing	18°C	Rome	20°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	15°C
Cape Town	25°C	Tenerife	33°C
Cardiff	11°C	Tokyo	18°C
Gibraltar	19°C	Vancouver	11°C
Hong Kong	21°C	Warsaw	20°C
Las Palmas	27°C	Wellington	18°C

Man who raped girl had 9,500 pictures of child sex abuse

AN IMMIGRATION officer from Deal has pleaded guilty to 17 offences of child pornography and the rape of a child under 13 years old.

Paul Cosier, 51, previously of Clifford Gardens, was arrested last year following a referral from the Metropolitan Police Service to Kent Police.

Officers from Kent's public protection crime unit carried out further investigations and discovered the extent of Cosier's offences.

At Canterbury Crown Court on Monday, Cosier pleaded guilty to the charges brought against him, including the rape of a child under the age of 13.

He also pleaded guilty to ten offences of distributing indecent images of children, three offences of taking indecent images of children, two of making indecent images of children and one of possession of indecent images of children.



RAPIST: Paul Cosier

Cosier was found with a total of 9,485 images ranging between levels one and five, with five being the most serious.

Of the pictures, 69 were at level five.

Det Con Kay Sankey, said: "His continual interaction with other like-minded individuals and his ongoing discussions regarding the sexual abuse of children eventually led him to commit a serious sexual assault on a vulnerable young child. A child who was unable to protect herself from his horrific intentions."

Cosier has been suspended from his duties as an immigration officer until the outcome of the investigation is revealed.

He was remanded in custody until sentencing at Canterbury Crown Court on a date to be set.

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	13°C	12°C	14°C	16°C	18°C	Gravesend	12°C	12°C	14°C	15°C	19°C
Canterbury	12°C	13°C	14°C	14°C	17°C	Maidstone	12°C	13°C	14°C	15°C	19°C
Chatham	11°C	12°C	13°C	14°C	16°C	Ramsgate	12°C	13°C	14°C	14°C	17°C
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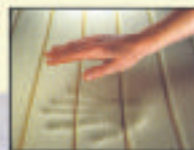


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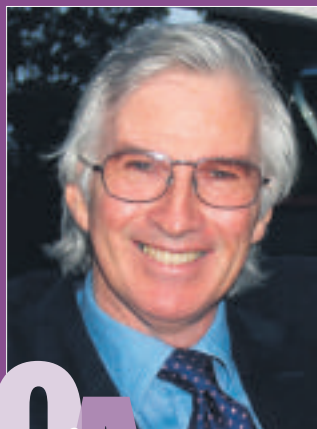
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QUESTION & ANSWER

PAUL BOLAND



Q Who or what brought you to Dover?

A After years of living in the London high-powered rat race I decided enough was enough and I looked around for somewhere else to go. I had passed through Dover a number of times and liked it, always staying at the Churchill Hotel and enjoying the harbour views and the views of the famous white cliffs.

Without looking too deeply into the local economic situation or anything of that nature, I saw a flat in The Gateway with a great view, and without thinking further I snatched it up.

Got a bargain, too, as there were a number of properties empty there at the time and no one seemed overly interested. It's not like that now – the flats are in real demand. At that time, some 10 years ago now, the financial differences between Dover and the London property market meant that anywhere in Dover was easily affordable... then!

Having a daughter to consider, too, it was an added delight to find there was a local school of such quality as the Dover Grammar School For Girls. After a while Briony was ready and then lucky enough to get accepted. She has thrived at the school and now is about to head for university to study medicine. This of course is so she can look after her daddy in his advancing years!

Q What made you decide to set up the Doverforum?

A The Doverforum website started life as Doverweb. It was started by two guys, Rick

Jones and Mike Potts. I joined them soon after and raised finance for the project. It was early days on the web, so we were something of pioneers with the pioneering spirit.

Eventually, the other chaps called it a day – Mike first, then Rick much later – and I changed it into Doverforum, which was more magazine-based, rather than directory-based, and went on from there. It proved popular with its magazine format and interactive style.

Q The Doverforum is very popular with locals. Are you pleased with how it's going?

A Doverforum turned into an exciting adventure one way or the other, but there were lots of ups and downs and at times it was hard to keep it going. But it is still there today and with higher viewing figures than ever before, so we must be doing something right.

I have a good team with me and have lots of supporting contributors, which is good indeed. It changes every day with exciting features, great pictures and interesting contributions.

Q What is your favourite thing about living in the Dover area?

A My favourite thing about living here is the gorgeous fact that in mere minutes you can be out and about in the fantastic countryside, absorbing the country ways, the wildlife and the magnificent rolling views of east Kent.

Riding a motorcycle through the leafy lanes of Olde England really cannot be beaten on a balmy summer's day. This part of Kent has so

much to offer and as I'm an intruder, in more ways than one, I tend to appreciate it perhaps a bit more than I might have done had I been here from the beginning.

The castles in the area are terrific. Oddly enough, I have only been around the inner sanctums of Dover Castle just once, and will go again soon, but I enjoy its commanding position every single day.

Q If you could change anything about Dover, what would it be?

A I would like to see some change for the better in the level of wealth. The town seems so poor in so many areas. Poor shopping and just poor facilities generally. It is hardly surprising, though, as the wealth creation just isn't there.

There are no major employers offering well-paid steady jobs. Without solid worthwhile jobs, the town will never get off its knees. There are often cries on Doverforum for cinemas and bowling alleys and the like, but we seriously need the jobs first, so that we can sustain not only this level of leisure, but more importantly so that we can hold on to our talented young people and offer them a future.

So many of our young people are sadly destined to go further afield – my daughter among them.

It was announced very recently that major employer Morrisons, the supermarket chain, will be opening a service and distribution centre in Sittingbourne here in Kent, bringing more than 1,000 jobs to that particular area. If only it were here in Dover...

Q & A

Paul Boland, editor of the Doverforum website, talks to **Marijke Cox** about why he came to live in the Channel town, what he loves about the area and his hopes for future prosperity in Dover

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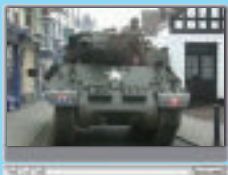
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Festival tickets: the wait is over

MUSIC fans hoping to snap up a ticket for BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone next month will learn this week if they are among the lucky ones.

Demand for tickets soared after it was confirmed that legend Madonna would be headlining the main stage on Saturday night – supported by a host of other big names.

Some 500,000 fans were expected to have registered for a pair of free tickets for the event, which takes place over the weekend of May 10-11 at Mote Park.

And although the odds of getting a pair of passes for one day of the two-day event will be slim – just 30,000 tickets are available – those living in Kent will get priority.

Postcode checks will ensure the bulk of the tickets go to locals, before they are made available to those living outside the county.

The closing date for ticket applications was 10pm on Monday – with those lucky enough to secure a pair of the sought-after tickets being notified from today through until Friday.

However, those being selected are warned not to then try to sell on the tickets. With tickets for regular Madonna shows fetching hundreds of pounds on the black market, strict conditions have been put down, with tickets non-transferable and likely to be subject to strict security checks.

Madonna is expected to confirm two dates at Wembley Stadium for September, so the Maidstone show will be a rare chance to see her perform outside of a stadium setting.

Some of the acts performing across four stages include:

SATURDAY: Madonna, Usher, The Fratellis, Scouting For Girls, Duffy, The Feeling, The Editors, Fatboy Slim.

SUNDAY: The Kooks, The Enemy, Nelly, Goldfrapp, The Raconteurs, The Zutons, Adele and DJ Zane Lowe.



BIG NAMES: Madonna will headline on Saturday night, while Adele will be performing on Sunday

Radio 1 DJ Jo Whiley said: "The Big Weekend properly kicks off the summer festival season for me and is a brilliant chance to see a stack of great bands over two days."

"This year the line-up is better than ever. Only Radio 1 could bring Madonna to Maidstone. And on top of that, I'm definitely going to be checking out The Kooks, Adele, Goldfrapp and Robyn on the main stage."

The Big Weekend has the highest profile of a host of major music events taking place in the county this summer – among them performances by Neil Young, Primal Scream and Supergrass at Paddock Wood's Hop Farm and the Zoo8 Festival at wildlife park Port Lympne.

• See the music page for the latest news from the Hop Farm show and links to video clips from a host of up-and-coming local bands.



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Watch Chris Moyles and Scouting For Girls at Leeds Castle



ONLINE: Bob Geldof at the launch last September

Council's broadband TV channel expands into new territory

KENT County Council's online TV service is to be expanded – and shifted into new headquarters.

Kent TV, launched six months ago by Faversham Live Aid hero Bob Geldof's Ten Alps media company, has unveiled 15 new channels boasting more than 70 sub-channels.

Operating on behalf of KCC, Kent TV already features some 700 films commissioned from local production companies or submitted by local film-makers and community groups.

Among the new channels will be an information service 'how-to', covering a range of topics from how to find a reliable car mechanic to a guide to how to appeal against school selection procedures, as well as a history and food channel.

This summer, Kent TV will also launch a What's On? service for residents and tourists alike.

John McGhie, editor of Kent TV, said: "After six months on air, we're now getting a much better idea of what people want from Kent TV and we're responding to that with the new channels, better navigation and making it easier for people to submit their own films."

"We've also been working hard to make sure Kent TV now meets the highest standards of accessibility for visual and hearing-impaired people."

Kent TV is the first fully-funded local authority broadband TV service in the UK. It is available on demand and is for anyone who lives, works, visits or studies in Kent.

It has also confirmed it is shifting to the Maidstone Studios at Vinters Park.

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GTA IV will make a killing

BY NICK AMES

IT IS being touted as the biggest event in video game history and stores are braced for one of their busiest weeks of the year.

Grand Theft Auto IV arrived in Kent shops yesterday amid a whirl of hype and expectation – and the sound of tills ringing.

Outlets such as HMV in Maidstone opened their doors at midnight to meet the huge demand for the controversial title and there were fears it could quickly become sold out.

Remarkably, the game – set to become the fastest selling in history – is due to take more than £200 million in its first week alone.

That's equivalent to the first week's takings of Hollywood's biggest ever opening movie, Pirates Of The Caribbean 3, At World's End.

Which means GTA IV could make in one week the equivalent of the entire international gross takings of the movie Gone With The Wind since its release in 1939 – a clear sign of what a massive player in the entertainment market the video games industry has become.

However, the game has also drawn criticism from some quarters.

The plot of the game – which would take 40 hours to play straight through – sees former soldier turned immigrant Niko Bellic arrive in a disguised New York – called Liberty City – ready for action. Niko had been promised a



AMERICAN SCREAM: The ultra-violent Grand Theft Auto IV has drawn criticism from immigrants' rights groups

new life by his cousin after his arrival from Eastern Europe, but false promises lead him into a life of crime and violence. As well as stealing cars and goading police into chases, he can visit prostitutes, run down pedestrians and get a foothold in the world of drugs.

Canterbury MP Julian Brazier has warned of the dangers of such games and GTA IV has also attracted criticism from immigrants' rights groups.

A spokesman for the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants said the central char-

acter could cause problems for Eastern Europeans. "This plays on untrue stereotypes," he said.

But that is unlikely to stop gamers rushing out to buy a copy. Eventual profits for makers Rockstar Games could exceed half a billion pounds.

A spokesman for HMV said: "Games are the new rock and roll and we expect to sell more GTA IV copies than Madonna's new release."

The game is available for the Sony PlayStation and Microsoft's Xbox 360.

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BY THE BOOK: Youngsters were encouraged to keep up the reading habit during the campaign launch

Are you sitting comfortably?

A COMFY sofa and dozens of copies of Your midweek newspapers helped start the National Year of Reading drive.

A three-piece suite was placed outside County Hall, Maidstone, on Monday last week, giving youngsters and adults the perfect place to pick up our papers for a quick read.

Passers-by were also tempted to stop off by a cosy bed, an easychair and a rug, all helping to build the "great place to read" theme.

Youngsters from nearby schools were treated to storytelling sessions during the launch event and offered a range of books to read.

KCC's community services chief Mike Hill

said: "This was a fun way to get the message across that reading is important and should be a central part of everybody's life."

"Reading is everywhere, and isn't just about books but can include the internet, newspapers – even instruction leaflets."

"I hope the National Year of Reading will inspire those who do not read very much – and those who do – to make it a priority, not just for this year but throughout their leisure, work and home lives."

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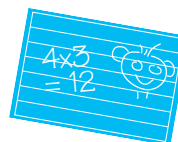
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Tech school flying flag for environment



GOING GREEN: Pupils and officials were delighted that their hard work paid off with green eco-school status

■ BY MARIJKE COX

SANDWICH Technology School has been awarded a Green Eco-Schools Flag in recognition of its commitment to improving the environment.

The school has been working towards achieving the award after registering as an Eco-School in November 2005.

Since then, the school has gained its silver and bronze awards and now, in a presentation on Thursday, April 24, was handed a prestigious Green Flag by the chairman of Kent County Council, Leyland Ridings.

Only 26 schools in Kent currently have this award.

Susan Hibberd, eco-schools co-ordinator and the driving force behind the eco-work at Sandwich Technology School, said: "I am so proud that this school has got the Green Flag."

"Being a technology school we are keen to reduce our carbon footprint and to show that being technologically advanced doesn't cost the Earth."

"We are using current technology to minimise our impact on the planet, and hope that others will follow our example."

The school has been working hard towards reducing the amount of waste they generate, including the installation of waterless urinals.

Other examples of their commitment to the environment include growing their own vegetables and generating electricity through their new wind turbine, which was launched in February by BBC weather-girl Kaddy Lee-Preston.

Headteacher Richard Wallis said how proud he was of the school for what it had achieved.

He said: "A huge amount of hard work by the pupils and staff has led to us achieving the award and we're thrilled that we've got it."

"It really makes a statement about how we as a school care for the environment."

"Receiving this award also shows how we focus many of our activities on being an eco-school and we share this with the community."

"Our wind turbine, especially, is iconic – a real statement about all the things we're doing."

A Year 10 pupil said: "We're really proud our school's getting the flag. We all work really hard here to try and improve the environment."

Sandwich Technology School is also registered as a Clean Kent School and is using this to make sure the school's grounds are free of rubbish.

BREAK TIME

Pupils to compete for business prize

STUDENTS from schools across the district are taking part in a presentation to show off their knowledge about the world of business and enterprise.

The event is being held at The Ark in Dover today and begins at 5.30pm.

Dover Harbour Board has been involved with the scheme by helping pupils learn business skills through the Young Enterprise Company Programme, which involves groups of students running real companies.

At the presentation evening they will be competing to win the Dover district prize to go through to the Kent Company final and possibly the regional, national and European finals.

The schools taking part are Castle Community College, Dover College, Sir Roger Manwood's School, Dover Grammar School for Boys and Dover Grammar School for Girls.

Deputy gets the nod to take over as new head

A NEW head-teacher has been appointed at Guston Church of England Primary School.

Miss Deby Allen, former deputy head, has taken on the role after acting as headteacher since last year.

Staff and pupils at the school are looking forward to working with her.

Along with the new headteacher, the school is also getting ready for a new community room on the site.

Building work is thought to take 14 weeks and will provide a new facility for staff and pupils.

For information about Guston Primary School visit www.guston.kent.sch.uk.

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It infringes on our freedoms for many a reason, not least security, yet it alone is responsible for the shambolic status of such in our lands.

It ignores statutes yet has no right to do so. It allows EU laws to dictate and override our own in ignorance of the English Bill of Rights 1689, among others.

Allowing armed foreign bodies such as George W Bush's presidential guard to operate on our soil is in breach of the Bill of Rights. The Government has even decimated our rights of self-defence and determination.

"I do declare that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state or potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence or authority, ecclesiastical or spirit-

ual, within this realm. So help me God."

It is about time "we the people" – namely all born of England – enjoyed our rights as proclaimed in 1689. These rights also confirm the right of free passage throughout the land. Take note, Mr Mayor of London.

Faced with embarrassment, the Government might rely on the doctrine that no Parliament may be bound by its predecessors and seek to repeal the provisions of the Bill of Rights.

But in so doing, it must attack the principle of the Bill: for the Bill of Rights claimed not to promulgate anything new, but rather to reaffirm the "true ancient and indubitable rights and liberties of the people of this kingdom" that should be upheld "in all times to come".

But then how does the Government justify its own use of the Bill of Rights whenever questioned on procedures?

Our Bill of Rights is so often ignored today, while in the United States the people enjoy the rights bestowed upon them in the constitution.

Is it not an ignorance of Government that hides fact and freedoms from its people?

Especially when the reasons behind the 1761 US constitution stem from our own 1689 Bill.

The English Bill of Rights was the root of the American version that followed. It was the product of the 'Glorious Revolution' that brought William and Mary to the English throne.

In uniting with Parliament against James II, a Catholic who had persecuted English Protestants, William and Mary agreed to have restrictions placed on royal authority.

The result was this declaration that defined the 'rights of Englishmen'.

Note: when American revolutionaries spoke of England violating their rights and of wanting to enjoy the rights enjoyed by people in England, it was to this document that they referred. The obvious result today is that we Englishmen want a government that respects our rights of old and is not party to foreign dictates.

With the advance of time our true rights have been ignored – but never so much as now. **EDITOR'S NOTE: All bloggers are supplied with full name and address of the authors. They do not reflect the view of the newspaper but are designed to give our readers the chance to air their views.**

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Status Quo

Creole and the Coconut, Midge Ure and Nick Heyward) Deep Purple and Jools Holland featuring Marc Almond. Alice Cooper, Chicago and Meat Loaf and now Blondie too.

Music festival tickets will be sold separately but include free access to The British International Motor Show on the day of the concert giving you two shows for the price of one. Ticket prices are £25/£30/£27.50/£32.50, and wheelchair spaces are available with carer free (all tickets subject to booking

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TALK TIME

PAUL CLARK

Paul Clark is operations manager at Stagecoach in Dover



Can you tell me a bit about yourself?

I joined the bus industry as a 16-year-old working at Dundee Bus Station on a Saturday and during the school holidays.

Once I got my A-levels, I went to Aston University in Birmingham to study transport management and logistics.

Once graduating from university, I joined Stagecoach working in Manchester and Bedford before taking up my current position as operations manager for our Dover depot in June 2007.

My main hobbies are going to the gym, cycling, football (I'm a keen Dundee United supporter and try to see them as much as I can) and travelling (I'm going to Singapore, Hong Kong and Dubai at the end of May).

What is your role at Stagecoach and what does it entail?

My current role as operations manager involves delivering a reliable service to our customers day in day out.

This involves managing our team of 108 bus drivers, liaising with my counterparts in the engineering department who maintain the buses, liaising with our partners in the local authority on school buses and road works and dealing with our customers.

What is your favourite part of the job?

The best part of the job is getting the wheels moving and delivering a reliable service to our customers.

What is your favourite thing about living in Dover?

The best thing about living in Dover is its location with some brilliant views looking out over the Channel.

YOUR LETTERS

This funding should be for all of us

We read in Yourdover about a £4 million grant package for our area.

Yet in the same breath Dover District Council leader Paul Watkins tells us he already has plans for a cable car venture with the South East England Development Agency.

Hey, that money is for all in our district – not just for wasting on a dead-end.

Besides, English Heritage should find the cash – after all, it's wasted enough.

Such a ride may attract some people, but it'll be closed 75 per cent of the year due to high winds or maintenance needs.

The latter would cost more than anything produced by the scheme, showing a lack of common sense.

Having designed such projects, not least monorails and others, it is my opinion that there is no benefit for Dover in such a project.

The town's only real potential has been ignored for years, but then we must look back at other such ill-defined Dover projects.

Let's face reality, DDC. Unless one provides true 'attraction value', such proposals end up dead in the water.

There are many available solutions that can benefit all, yet DDC looks to itself rather than the people.

The fact is that for every one project DDC comes up with, I could provide five that would work.

Dover Castle attracts a lousy 78,000 visitors a year only, when it could be pulling in a million-plus with ease.



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All it takes is a little vision, something DDC, SEEDA and so on have shown to be

seriously lacking.

Derek Packham
Deal

Help transform lives of autistic adults

As a supporter of The National Autistic Society (NAS), I am very worried about the lack of help available to adults with autism.

Autism is a lifelong condition, yet as 'I Exist', the new report from the NAS has found, many adults with the disability struggle to get the help they so desperately need.

Many feel isolated and are dependent on their families for support. I want to see the right services and support in place so people with autism in Dover can reach their true potential – the right help at the right time can have a profound effect.

That is why I'm supporting the NAS 'think differently about autism' campaign.

I urge people in Dover to visit www.think-differently.org.uk and help put pressure on local and national government to do more to transform the lives of adults with autism.

Julie Kelly
Dover

Tull is a fine example to today's youth

It is good to see the life and achievements of Walter Tull, the first black combat officer in the British Army and the first black professional outfield football player are being commemorated.

He is a great example of what can be achieved by someone with drive and ambition to young people of today, whatever their racial background.

Attention to his life and exploits has been quite long in coming but now it seems he is firmly part of local history as well as gaining national recognition.

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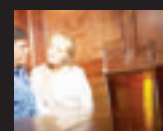
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Chocolate van is tasty example of our spirit

The idea of a mobile chocolate van is a great one and I have never heard it anywhere else in the world.

Such plans and schemes are what make this country unique when it comes to off-the-wall projects.

The spirit of British inventiveness is alive and well – and demonstrated by a chocolate van.

Maria Sykes
Deal

Don't begrudge the Chinese taking over

Your blogger last week seems to have it in for the Chinese.

Us in the West have had it our own way for the previous centuries and we should not begrudge someone else coming up and taking over.

If they work harder than us, produce better goods and have more drive and inspiration then they deserve it.

Russell Border
Deal

How to protect our precious countryside

It was interesting to read in last week's paper of the biodiversity of the local area and the need to protect it.

But it should not all be left to volunteers.

I have long advocated the creation of a specially funded body whose job it is to look after our natural landscape and add its voice to the

debate on where new development should take place.

To often opposition to unwanted houses and out-of-town shopping centres is left to volunteers and concerned members of the public who are ignored as profit is the number one consideration.

But a proper body with a right of veto in cases where the countryside comes first would be a powerful way of protecting our countryside.

Nigel Munton
Deal

New cinema would attract the visitors

The call for a new cinema in Dover is long overdue.

How can a town claim to be a tourist destination when it doesn't even have a place to show films?

It would be a great boost – not least as Folkestone has no multiplex, just an old, albeit charming, picture house.

A cinema for Dover would be a major boost for the local economy and give local people a reason to visit the town – which they really do not have at the moment.

Andrew Pearson
Dover

Average Indian league just won't catch on

In your letters column last week a reader wrote in to point out how much of a threat the Indian Premier League was to county cricket.

Well I saw a couple of games on satellite TV and despite the cheerleaders and film stars – none

of whom I'd heard of – it was just the same old 20-20 we have been watching for a number of seasons.

The support was half hearted and it was apparent to see the crowds had no real passion for any of the manufactured sides involved with their convoluted names.

The standard of play was average as well – both games were dead boring as the side batting first failed to set anywhere near a challenging enough target.

So I feel this threat is grossly overestimated and made up teams playing meaningless matches will never catch on.

Keith Bradshaw
Dover

There's no tourism boom to see in Dover

Last week you reported tourism was up and the local economy was benefiting across Kent.

Dover Castle is certainly an attraction which brings people here – but I see precious little example of any cash helping local businesses.

Our town centre must be one of the most depressing places in the UK.

Charity shop after charity shop coupled with disused premises and half-hearted window displays.

The cafés and bars aren't anything to boast about either and many pubs have a distinctly unwelcoming atmosphere.

As for the restaurants – are there any?

Kent may be booming – but Dover certainly isn't.

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IMPOLITE: Roy Chubby Brown rarely appears on television because of his coarse humour, but he has gathered a massive nationwide following

Take offence

Roy Chubby Brown trades his insults in worst possible taste

THE air of Chatham will be turning blue when Roy 'Chubby' Brown takes to the stage.

Few comedians, with the possible exception of Bernard Manning, have divided opinion the way Brown has during his 30-year career.

Considered by some to be the most offensive comedian in the country, Brown continues to fill theatres and is viewed with great affection by his many fans.

Born into one of the country's poorest industrial suburbs in 1945, Brown – who started out in life as Royston Vasey – faced a difficult childhood in Middlesbrough.

When he was nine years old, his mother ran off and took Brown's sister with her, leaving the boy with his beloved but often violent father.

The family sometimes found itself in dire straits and Brown started stealing, so trouble with the police inevitably followed.

By the time he reached 19, Brown had accumulated an undesirable CV. He had spent two years in Britain's

toughest borstal, followed by many months in prison and had even been stabbed while in the Merchant Navy.

The young man had been married and divorced, with two children to provide for. When he was released from prison, Brown joined a band and set about touring working men's clubs, determined to escape his deprived lifestyle.

He might have continued a career in music if the band had not split, which prompted him to try his hand at stand-up. Armed with the humour of the docks and a new name, Brown gradually honed his craft in a tough environment and discovered his forte in blue comedy.

An appearance on New Faces in the 70s earned him second place in the show, but he reportedly failed to get past the audition for Opportunity Knocks after saying a**e in the interview.

Despite rarely appearing on mainstream television channels due to his coarse material, he has built up an enormous fan base worldwide and sold millions of DVDs and videos.

His autobiography, Common as Muck, reached number seven in the

Sunday Times Bestsellers List and his influence is felt, albeit indirectly, in contemporary comedy. He has made cameo appearances in cult series League of Gentlemen as the mayor of Royston Vasey, the creepy fictional town named after him.

With his 1995 hit Living Next Door to Alice, recorded as a parody with original band Smokie, he became the first person to take a song with the word f*** in it to number one.

Brown, who is married, was diagnosed with throat cancer at the age of 60 and faced losing the voice that had made his fortune. But he pulled through and fans can experience his inimitable humour first-hand when he visits Chatham.

The show is suitable for over-18s only and people who are easily offended are advised to stay away.

Tickets cost £19/£18. To book, phone the box office on 01634 338338, or visit the website at www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.

ROY CHUBBY BROWN

Thursday, May 15
Central Theatre, Chatham



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SKINNY MOLLY

Friday, May 2
Astor Arts Centre, Deal



SOUTHERN rockers Skinny Molly will make a welcome return to Deal this week, bringing an impressive pedigree with them.

The line-up includes former Lynyrd Skynyrd guitarist Mike Estes and the audience will probably get to hear the classics Sweet Home Alabama and Freebird. The band is currently

finishing its debut album, so audiences can look forward to a great evening of rock music.

Estes and his band Helen Highwater were invited to join the Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute Tour in 1987 by the Rossington Collins Band, founded by survivors of the plane crash that had killed several Skynyrd members 10 years before. A few years later Estes began writing with them and was eventually asked to join the band as guitarist. Since then he has

performed all over the US and Europe and was inducted into the Hollywood Rock Walk of Fame in 1995.

The band also includes esteemed musicians Garry Nutt on bass, drummer Kurt Pietro and Keith Whalen on backing vocals and guitar.

The show starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £15 on the door.

To book call the box office on 01304 381134 or visit the website at www.astortheatre.co.uk for more booking information.

ELVIS ON TOUR - THE LEGEND CONTINUES

Thursday, May 15
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



THE King of Rock'n'Roll might be gone, but the greatest pretender to his crown is keeping Elvis' spirit alive.

Lee 'Memphis' King was officially declared the best Elvis tribute act in the world at the prestigious 2005 Collingwood Elvis Festival, held annually in Canada. Judged on the authenticity of his voice, stage performance, appearance and personality, King wowed other tribute artists and esteemed judges from around the world.

In his latest production, King portrays the entire performing career of Elvis, including the three recognised eras. Opening with the early rock 'n' roll years with

Sun Records, he progressed to joining the US Army Air Force before embarking on the 'movie years'.

Initially overshadowed by the British Invasion and hippy artists of the mid-60s, Elvis made a stunning comeback in 1968 wearing his classic black leather outfit. The final segment features his triumphant reign in Las Vegas.

Accompanied by a top level orchestra and singers, King offers an unforgettable evening in the company of The King.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£16.50. Call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or see www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

FLIPRON

Saturday, May 10
Orange Street Music Venue,
Canterbury



EXPERIENCE the quirky sound of Glastonbury band Flipron, whose music is almost unclassifiable.

The critically acclaimed four-piece was formed by front man Jesse Budd and has grown into an experimental band that crosses the boundaries between indie, soundtrack music, exotica and black humour. Signed to Tiny Dog Records in 2003, Flipron has released two well-received albums - Fancy Blues and Rustique Novelties in 2004 and Biscuits for Cerberus two years later.

The band played at various festivals last year, including Glastonbury, and has attracted praise for its



refreshing lack of categorisation. One critic described Flipron's sound as somewhere "between a fairground and a cabaret".

On the MySpace site, the band lists a dizzying array of influences including Nick Cave, Scott Walker, early

Pink Floyd, David Bowie, Leonard Cohen and The Velvet Underground. Find out more at www.myspace.com/flipron.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £5/£4. For more details see www.orangestreetmusic.com.

DOVER LEISURE

Slide into theatre to hear singer perform

SUCCESSFUL singer/songwriter Bryn Haworth will be performing at the Astor Theatre Arts Centre in Deal on Saturday.

Haworth, who enjoyed great success in the 70s and 80s, is considered to be one of the best slide guitar players in the business.

He has worked with an array of big music names including Chris de Burgh, Joan Armatrading, Ian Mathews and Gerry Rafferty.

The show starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £15 on the door. To book call the box office on 01304 381134.

Youngsters invited to try out their spy skills

JUNIOR James Bonds can find out if they have got what it takes to be a super sleuth at Dover Castle's Spy School.

Running from Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday, the event offers children the chance to crack clues, try out some ingenious disguises and find out how real life spies hid information in everyday items.

Dover Castle is open from 10am to 6pm daily. For more information look the castle up at www.english-heritage.co.uk.

May Day dancing takes you round the pole

CELEBRATE the arrival of May with a flurry of dancing in Deal on Saturday.

Oyster Morris has arranged the event, which will take place at various spots around the town during the day. From 11am to 12.45pm dancers can be seen on the seafront near the Royal Hotel and the Port Arms. Later on there will be dancing in the pedestrianised area of High Street from 2.45pm to 4pm.

Find out more about Oyster Morris at www.oystermorris.org.uk.

Life is a cabaret when you visit the New Inn

CABARET artist Sarah Banks will be bringing her brand of 60s and 70s entertainment to Sandwich this week.

Banks will be performing at the New Inn in Harnet Street tomorrow evening.

For more details about the gig or the venue, call 01304 612335 or see www.newinn-sandwich.co.uk.

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V2 site fires imagination

■ BY NICK AMES

IF THE idea of a short break in a city doesn't appeal and you fancy a little history, then just over the Channel is one of the most unusual tourist attractions in Europe.

La Coupole, near St Omer, a 45-minute drive from Calais, was the site developed by the Nazis to house and launch their V2 rockets during World War Two.

It may not be everyone's choice of a short break, but it remains fascinating, none-the-less.

It was a concrete dome protecting underground galleries and built by slave labour using eastern European prisoners.

But a combination of air attacks and a breakdown in infrastructure meant it was never used.

Now it is a museum attracting an increasing number of visitors from the UK courtesy of Kent's excellent links with northern France by road, ferry and rail.

Exhibits detail the workings of the Nazi slave state and the history of rocket engineering. Highlighted is the man who designed

the V2 – German Dr Werhner Von Braun, who was taken away at the end of the war by the Americans.

Soberingly, any visitor soon realises the brutalising tactics employed by the Nazis did result in men standing on the moon as Von Braun masterminded the Apollo programme and eventually designed the Saturn V rocket.

There's plenty more, however, to educate visitors through the other exhibits.

Firstly, the Nazi occupation of northern France and the construction of the massive concrete dome and the galleries underneath.

Harrowing footage of the concentration camps and the results of the bombing to which the British and Americans subjected towns in northern France is also documented, as are the conditions in which slave workers were kept.

I was told increased numbers of people coming into western Europe from the old Eastern Bloc meant tourists from some of the places the slave workers were taken from were ever-increasing.

The concrete dome of La Coupole proved resistant to almost everything the RAF could throw at it from the air.



UNUSUAL ATTRACTION: La Coupole, near St Omer, was built with slave labour

But the facilities, designed to store and fire the V2 rockets at London and Kent, were never used.

Instead mobile sites were used to fire the missiles as they were harder to detect than the large-scale fortified sites.

Near to La Coupole is Foret de Nieppe, which was a hidden base firing V1 flying bombs – the forerunner of the V2 – at England. It was the only operational base of its kind and included bunkers and a command centre.

The craters, filled with water, are evidence of RAF-USAF bombs which were dropped on the launch site.

It's not the most clearly sign-posted site and is accessible only by road, but it is extremely atmospheric – there is no entry fee and visitors can wander at will amid the trees to explore underground galleries and hidden bunkers.

The launch site is also still there – and chillingly it points straight at Tower Bridge, according to French experts.

FACT FILE: FRANCE

Time difference	UK +1 hour
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Population	60 million
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Religion	Christian (mainly Catholic)
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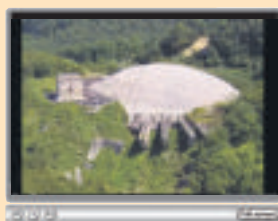
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Travel to France via ferries from Dover to Calais. Operators include P&O, Norfolk Line and SeaFrance, all of which run regular services.

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The two attractions are about 40km from the French port just outside the town of St Omer, which has a selection of accommodation at various prices.

A tour around the museum takes about two hours, and guides are available in English.



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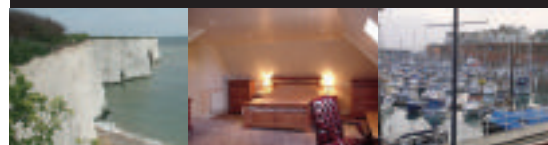
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Susan Dove is the proprietor of the venue and confesses to a secret desire to cook for South African hero Nelson Mandela.

Located in the Swingate area of Dover – which Susan believes is “an up and coming town” – the restaurant specialises in locally-sourced fresh meats and fish platters.

Current favourites on the menu are braised oxtail in a rich red wine sauce, with braised vegetables and dumplings. But the menu changes weekly in order to reflect the best produce of the season.

Susan said: “Dover has good potential for people who want great food and informal din-



ing. We offer great quality fresh food at value for money prices with friendly attentive service in a warm ambience.

“Our chef, award-winning Carl Johnson, is professional, very calm and very creative.

“We offer a charming, informal candle-lit restaurant.”

The Swingate can seat up to 200 for functions. It is open from 7am until 11pm every day except Sunday, open from 10.30am.

Try out Lord Nelson's favourite venue

■ Sotirio's

COSTAS Sotiriou has been running the restaurant in Hythe for 15 years, and during that time it has gained an enviable reputation among diners throughout the county and beyond.

Sotirio's specialises in international cuisine with pasta, meat and fish dishes all featuring on the menu. Among the most popular choice is a Sunday carvery, which has a spectacular rib of beef carved at the table as one of its centrepieces.

Set in a building which used to house an historic pub called Nelson's Head – in truth it was once a favourite of the legendary British admiral himself – it is a



particularly traditional restaurant with its own unique atmosphere.

Mr Sotiriou said: “We pride ourselves on excellent services

and value for money.”

But Sotirio's is never afraid to be innovative. As well as being able to boast one of the largest menus of any dining venue

across the south east of England it has other attractions which are drawing in the customers.

The venue can seat up to 80 people who can enjoy a live vocalist on the evening of the second Wednesday of every month, while on the last Wednesday of each month a magician practises close up “sleight of hand” tricks to baffle and amuse diners in the evening.

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Linen for the material girl is cool summer hit

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Linen blouses, skirts and long trousers can also be found at Evans, with prices starting at around £20.

For more information pop into your nearest store in Dover or Deal or log onto www.evans.co.uk for a catalogue.

Cooking just got cheaper with these book offers

WHSmith has up to 60 per cent off cookery books. Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escape and Gordon Ramsey's Healthy Eating are both reduced from £20 down to £10 alongside Jamie Oliver's Cook With Oliver, priced at £15.60 from £25.

For those wanting to get into shape this summer, Cook Yourself Thin by Sophie Mitchell, Gizzi Erskine, Harry Eastwood and Sal Henley is available for £8.99 from £14.99.

Head down to their nearest WHSmith or logging onto www.whsmith.co.uk.

Hendrix fans will love these Burton T-shirts

JIMI HENDRIX fans should try Burton in Dover for its selection of T-shirts.

White crew neck t-shirts with prints of the famous rock star can be picked up for just £15.

Sex Pistols fans should also drop in to see Sid Vicious 'Wasted Youth' print T-shirts, for £15.

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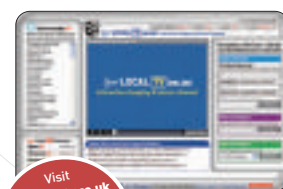
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FARM FAVOURITE: Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

CHANGE is a wonderful thing. While there's something to be said for tradition and the tried and tested "If it ain't broke..." approach to life, I'm a firm believer in trying new things.

It is with this in mind that I tip my cap to the fantastically named Vince Power, the man orchestrating the inaugural Hop Farm Festival.

Power has lured the likes of Neil Young, Rufus Wainwright, Supergrass and Guillemots into performing at the Paddock Wood one-dayer with the promise of: "No sponsorship, no branding and no registration".

Writing on the official festival website about his shift away from commercially dominated festivals, Power said: "I've been watching the festival market and just felt it was frustrating for the punter that there was such a big emphasis on sponsorship, VIP and upgrading your ticket to get into a special area."

"We did an online survey and the feedback among young fans was that often the person



EARLY BIRDS: Guillemots are also on the Hop Farm Festival bill

buying the ticket ended up feeling the lowest on the pecking order. I thought it was time to go back to basics and let it be about the punter and the music. I think you will see a complete change in festivals in the next two or three years.

"Bands rely on live performances much more than they did in previous years, the market is changing and I think bigger bands will have a lot more input into the festivals because it is clear that they could do their own festivals if they want to."

"I'm getting really good feedback from the artists and the agents. It's about having a good festival, happy customers and happy artists."

The open-air Hop Farm Festival takes place on Sunday, June 6, with gates opening at 11.30am.

At the time of going to press, the Neil Young-headed line-up also features Primal Scream, Supergrass, My Morning Jacket, Rufus Wainwright and Guillemots. At least one further act is yet to be named. My Guess Those Bands prediction (the new festival line-up game which is sweeping the county since its inception on this page last week) is Belinda Carlisle.

Tickets cost £49.50, plus a booking fee. For more information, visit the website www.hopfarmfestival.com.

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BY TOM BETTS



CHILD GENIUS AT THIRTEEN

Channel 4, 9pm, Wednesday
SHIPWRECKED: BATTLE OF THE ISLANDS
Channel 4, 12.55pm, Sunday

CHANNEL FOUR often brings us the best and worst television of the week.

In the red corner, and fighting for the better, more enlightening side of entertainment, is Child Genius At Thirteen.

This fascinating show charted the lives of three uber-intelligent teenagers as they came to terms with the fact that they made the rest of us look like plankton.

We met Michael and Dante, who, with IQs of 170 (the highest the scale goes up to) made Aimee, their compatriot in all things clever, look like a relative dunce, even if she was bemoaning the fact that her parents hadn't read War And Peace.

Michael, an author at nine and lover of particle physics, was a game chap, and his mum said: "I think the day is coming when he realises he's more intelligent than we are."

Someone really should tell her that day came and went a few years ago.

But it was Dante, a lad who will either go on to become the Prime Minister or a serial killer, who was the star of the show.

Not only was he clever beyond belief but he had the best line in put-downs.

On learning that he had taken a replica firearm to school following a trip to Paris with fellow mega-brain Michael, his mother explained: "Your therapist didn't think you were dangerous."

"Well, at least we know he's accurate..." replied the intelligent rapsallion.



A FLESH BUNCH: The only reason to watch Shipwrecked is to enjoy the rather fine view

Wishing they could come up with something anywhere near as intelligent are the contestants in the blue corner, the sun-kissed hunks and honeys on the channel's Shipwrecked: Battle of the Islands.

Perfect hangover TV, this is ultimately just about watching sexy young things cavort about on the beach in various states of undress.

We are introduced to spoilt brats, working-class heroes and middle-class art students, but really the one thing they have in common is that they all look rather amazing in swimwear.

The format, now in its third series, once held a novelty value as you fought off that headache but has grown very tiresome and is now just going through the reality TV motions.

There is little here to get your teeth into and it makes the Hollyoaks omnibus that precedes it look like Shakespeare.

Send Dante, Michael and Aimee to an island somewhere – it would be much better viewing.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S possible you'll be clinging a bit more tightly to the ones you love. Normally, you're a cool customer, preferring to keep your feelings hidden but now you're determined to show your family you care. This is an excellent time to mend broken fences. The secret to your success is sincerity.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU'LL be more assertive than usual in romantic situations. Fortunately, the object of your affection will be delighted. After first contact, it may be impossible to tear yourself out of their arms. Money is a concern. If you're due a raise, schedule a meeting with your boss.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE reserved, and with good reason. It's not clear whether you can trust someone yet: wait and see. You'll get more insight to this person's character by watching their actions. It looks as though your career is starting to take off: a promotion, or raise could be in the cards.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

PARTNERSHIPS take on a tender aspect. This would be a good time to get engaged, married or enter into a business relationship with someone who more like a friend than a colleague. Stretch funds as far as they will go, you may be able to afford something special later.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU'LL be something of a social butterfly in the days ahead. Meeting people could inspire you. You're starting to realise just how boring life can be without intellectual stimulation. Studying art, music, or dance might be just your cup of tea. Take a friend's compliment to heart. They mean it.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

SENSITIVITY lets you get closer to someone you love. You know their feelings before they say a word. Be ready to relieve your amour of a dreaded chore. They'll be grateful for your sacrifice. Whether you want a raise, date, or job, you can find success. Your gift with words is key.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOUR flirtatious ways could get you in trouble if you're not careful. Although you're just playing around with someone, they think you're serious. It may be necessary to put some distance between you. If you keep leading this person astray, your friendship could be permanently damaged.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

WHEN it comes to romance, hold back. It's not time to approach someone you fancy. Work demands may be so great you won't have time to. Colleagues appreciate your willingness to put in extra hours. They also like the respectful way you conduct yourself. Little do they know!

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

DIRECT works best. If you have a crush on someone, make your feelings known. You won't have to use lots of pretty words to win this person's heart. In fact, the more plainly you speak, the better. It will be easier to afford luxuries than it has in the past. Be sure to buy something nice for yourself.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU don't care what people think, which makes you popular so don't be surprised if you're invited to lots of parties. If you're single, let a friend set you up on a blind date. You might just meet someone sexy. Working on a writing project could prove rewarding, but hide it until late May.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

AN intense relationship is heating up even more. It may be impossible to resist someone's charms. You melt every time they whisper in your ear or gaze into your eyes. This would be a good time to discuss moving in together. Taking a trip overseas will put your romance into proper perspective.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU cause a commotion wherever you go. That's because your sex appeal is at an all time high. If you're single, you could pair up with a much older or younger person. You love their way with words, while they adore your dry wit. Be ready to take a tricky task off your partner's hands.

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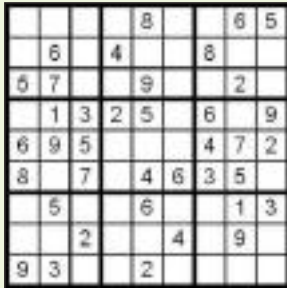
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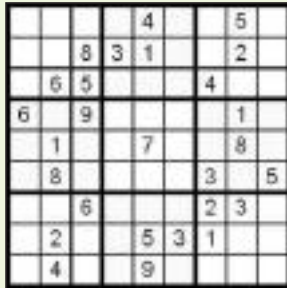
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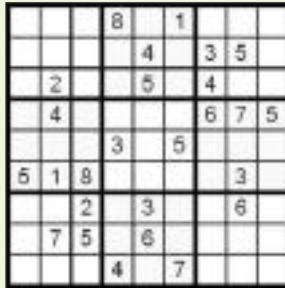
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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Throwing out the sack (9)
9 Orange umbilicus! (5)
10 Slavery duties rev. avoided (9)
11 Beast that is husky-sounding (5)
12 The price of abandoning one's policy (9,5)
15 Ushered her out exhausted (4)
17 Michael's said to be rebelling producing confused jumble (3-2)
19 Shrewd publicity needed by drug addict? (4)
21 Was key gunfight developing in November? (3,6,5)
23 Element found in the comet, aluminium (5)
24 A boned bra surprisingly contained vegetable (5-4)
26 Tidy hospital in South Wales (5)
27 Record colourful item of ill-repute (9)

DOWN

- 1 Possibly sees about 90 too many (6)
2 How note shook? (8)
3 Mother is developing the line (8)
4 Confident that it is standing out (4)
5 In rancho Vyvyan found small fish (7)
6 Be unduly optimistic about theatrical show (8)
7 Sad boy flagged on board (4,5)
13 Dick, see said kettle (5)
14 Sentence arbiter intended, so to speak (9)
16 I pay gent, another North African (8)
18 Self-abasement gripped last character in Cornish resort (8)
19 Lofty had been brought up having noble parents (4-4)
20 Cry at Holly discordantly (5-2)
22 Jerk included prank that was very sad (6)
25 Bird run over by train (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 5 Tripping (9)
9 Pique (anag.) (5)
10 Wordiness (9)
11 Glacial ridge (5)
12 Offer for sale (3,2,3,6)
15 S-shaped curve (4)
17 Obliquely (5)
19 Former Indian coin (4)
21 Songbird (5,9)
23 Giddy (5)
24 Moving forwards (9)
26 Stocking material (5)
27 Supreme (9)

DOWN

- 1 Purist (anag.) (4,2)
2 Egg dish (8)
3 Plant with bell-shaped flowers (8)
4 Bloodsucker (4)
5 Old soldier (7)
6 Soft leather (8)
7 Religious song (9)
13 Walked across country (5)
14 Driving stolen car (9)
16 Misappropriate (8)
18 Prosaic (8)
19 Held fast (2,6)
20 Unceasing (7)
22 Occupier (6)
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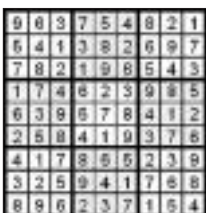
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Across: 8 Stumbling 9 Equip 10 Proximity 11 Esker 12 Put on the market 15 Gyee 17 Askev 19 Anna 21 Robin redbreast 23 Paramount. DOWN: 1 Stir up 2 Omelotte 3 Cioxina 4 Coat 5 Veteran 6 Buckskin 7 Spirit 13 Hiked 14 Joyriding 16 Embuzzle 18 Workday 19 At anchor 20 Undying 22 Tenant 25 Deal.

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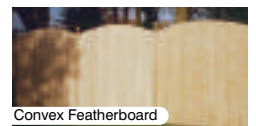
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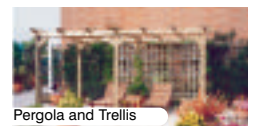
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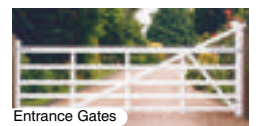
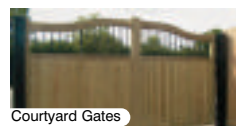
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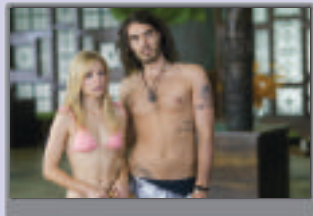
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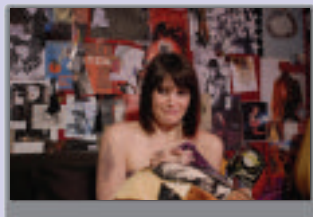
Struggling musician Peter Bretter has spent six years idolising his girlfriend, TV star Sarah Marshall. He's the guy left holding her purse in paparazzi photos and accidentally omitted from acceptance speeches. But his world is rocked when she dumps him and Peter finds himself alone. Russell Brand stars as Sarah's new love – a British rock star.

PERSEPOLIS (12A)



Film-makers Vincent Paronnaud and Marjane Satrapi got together to co-write and co-direct this adaptation of Satrapi's autobiographical graphic novel detailing the trials faced by an outspoken Iranian girl who finds her unique attitude and outlook on life challenged during the Islamic revolution.

THREE AND OUT (15)



You're a London tube driver and you've had two 'one-unders' in as many weeks. You're traumatised but blameless. Then you're told about the 'Three and Out' rule – three fatal accidents within a month and you're out of a job... but with a huge pay-off. What do you do? Take trauma counselling and drive very, very carefully? Or seek out a third one-under, take the cash, pay your debts and retire?

She's a sight for sore eyes

■ BY KATE WHITING

BEING a Hollywood actress may look like an incredibly glamorous gig, but there's more going on behind the glossy scenes than just having your make-up done.

For her latest role, Jessica Alba had to learn to play the violin like a professional while pretending to be blind – no small feat for any actress.

Chinese horror remake *The Eye* follows blind violinist Sydney Wells (Jessica) as she has a cornea transplant and adapts to her newly-acquired sight.

But her comfortable life is shattered when she takes on the traits of her dead donor, including disturbing flashbacks and the power to see ghosts.

Jessica, 26, reveals the intensive training she undertook at orientation centres in Los Angeles and New Mexico to prepare for the role.

"I learned basic Braille reading, how to walk with a cane and how people live in their homes self-sufficiently," she said.

"I labelled everything in my house so I could walk freely wearing sleep shades."

It seems her hard work paid off when she started filming because she couldn't see much through eerie grey contact lenses.

"They covered my entire eye – I had no peripheral vision and sometimes partial vision."

Having learnt to live without sight, Jessica then had to tackle the violin.

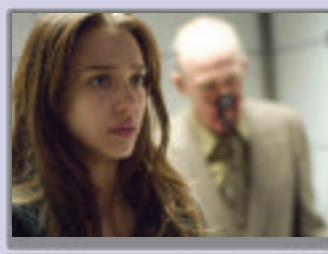
"It was the most difficult instrument on the planet," she said, laughing.

"I did six months of extensive training with five different women who have been playing since they were kids."

"They still practise eight hours a day just to stay good enough to be in an orchestra."

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"I just don't have that kind of dedication."

But she did commit to the task, practising whenever she could, even during breaks from filming *Fantastic Four: Rise Of The Silver Surfer*.

"I didn't have time to take off that suit, so in my Storm outfit I was hacking away at the violin," she said.

In a nod to movie *The Sixth Sense*, Sydney's developing vision allows her to see dead people – from the little boy in the corridor by her apartment to the diners in the burned-out Chinese restaurant.

At first she thinks she's going mad, but with the help of Dr Paul Faulkner (Alessandro Nivola), Sydney finally works out she is experiencing a real-life phenomenon called cellular memory, where transplant recipients display the characteristics of their donors.

"I met a guy who loved sweets and hated Italian food and he said after his liver trans-



SOUND AND VISION: Jessica Alba had to have training to learn what it's like to be blind and play the violin

plant, he didn't pick up a single sweet ever again and all he could eat was pizza and pasta.

"He spoke to the mother of his donor, who was a 16-year-old boy – hated sweets and his favourite food was pizza and pasta."

Jessica has one more movie coming out this year – *The Love Guru*, with Justin Timberlake, Mike Myers and Ben Kingsley.

But as her first baby with fiancé Cash Warren is due any time now – she was heavily pregnant when we spoke – she is taking a well-earned break from filming.

"I still feel like I'm just starting. Most actresses that I really love hit their stride in their 30s and 40s and I'm hoping that will be the case for me."



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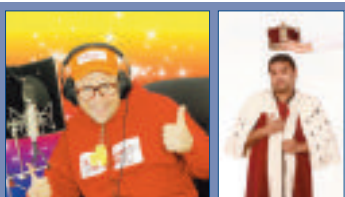
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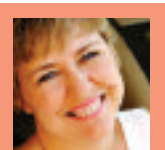
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Beautiful African lady, 21, I'm looking for an outgoing, fun guy, 23-32, for fun and friendship, and maybe more. Box 439543

MISSING YOU
Tanya here, have a good family, good job, good friends and looking for a good laugh. I'm 25 and would love to meet you! Box 893329

NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK?
Lively female, 26, 5'12, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555

TAKE ME OUT
Fun, lively female, nearly 30, petite with dark hair, bored of being single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time. Box 893549

NEIGH-BO!
Calling all knights in shining armour! I can't guarantee love, but can guarantee laughs. Box 894062

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NOT PICKY!

Upbeat girl, 31, bored silly and just looking for friends to go out and have a laugh with, nothing else. Preferably staying in the Canterbury. Box 895165

EXPRESSLY YOURS

31yo Chinese girl, 5'4, slim, no children, seeking tall, white, loving, caring, all-Eastern male for serious relationship. Box 439931

LADY MADONNA

Single Mum of 2, 35, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic, for possible relationship. Box 439417

UNDER THE BOARDWALK

Black female, 32, 5'8, likes cooking, reading, going out, WILTM a nice man 34-50, down-to-earth and fun, with love to find out more. Box 439585

MY CHERYL AMOUR!

Hi I'm Cheryl, 31, 5'10, blonde, size 10, have 2 girls, like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership. Box 437744

ALL IN GOOD TIME

Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

ARE YOU MR RIGHT?

Single Mum, 30, 5'2, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437995

TAKE ME OUT

Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5'8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 439841

LIVE, LAUGH & LOVE

Lively, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124

CUDDLY
32yr old woman, 5'10, brown hair, curly, I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WILTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402

EQUESTRIAN OF SPORT!
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights into and cinema. Box 406070

TRY NEW THINGS
Mum of 1, I'm 5'4, blonde hair, slim, young-looking 34, I'm caring, honest with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'10, brown hair, blonde eyes, single Mum, seeking male for friendship/more. Box 433107

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for romance, love and romance. Box 813350

MUM'S THE WORD
Attractive black female, 36, 5'8", slim-medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 439329

THE GENTLE LADY
Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love/laughter. Box 437913

ROUND TWO
41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays. Box 437539

FOREVER YOURS
I'm Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap. Let's chat! Box 895908

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 32, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

COMPLETE
Buttly female, 41, 5'2", NS, enjoys pubs, restaurants, cinema. GSOH, interior design, seeks like-minded, fun male for good times. Box 822705

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE!
One woman, 45, no ties, one tie, honest, warm and kind. Are you tall, honest, motivated, and genuine? If so get in touch... Box 911613

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Pettie, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling. WILTM NS man to share things with. Box 429682

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
47yo female, blonde hair, 5'10, slim, easygoing, enjoys many things in life, looking for someone similar to there to enjoy life with. Box 436810

NO GAME PLAYERS!
I'm 46, Music, laughing, sensitivity, and love, I guess that's all I want, but with someone special, are you? Box 156956

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WILTM male for fun and friendship. Box 439528

SOFA SO GOOD!
Sally, 46yr old woman, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes movies, films, animals, enjoys days out and snuggling on the sofa. Box 893566

DON'T PASS ME BY
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/career, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 824441

SHINE A LIGHT ON ME
I'm Dawn, 47, quite shy and reserved, looking for someone special. I'm 5'8, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, active, have one dog, work full time. Box 438795

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WILTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

ALONG THE SHORE
Fun loving 48yr old woman, I enjoy winning and dining, romantic sorts. WILTM handsome, caring, adventurous man. 45-50 Box 439554

HUNK SOUGHT
Marlene, 46, blonde, medium build, likes 4x4s, the gym, quad-biking, a glass of wine, cinema, enjoys go-karting, WILTM sincere youngish guy for friendship/companionship and who knows. Box 894117

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'9", blonde/brunette, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WILTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT
Happy 41, youthful 48yr old single woman, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social things. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, loving man. Box 895929

SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'10, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435098

JUST IMAGINE
Pettie brunette, bubbly and friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WILTM genuine male to see where life takes us! Box 893562

ALL THAT TAKES
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving and outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out and staying in, seeks similar man. 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

ENTERTAIN ME
5'10 female, medium build, blonde, outgoing, GSOH, loves animals, enjoys guy for regular visiting, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438651

IT'S IN THE AIR
Lovely female, 49, divorced, 5'10, shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, seeks similar LTR with similar male. Box 437729

HERE WE GO
Young female, 50, 5'10, slim, bubbly, outgoing, GSOH, loves animals, walks, eating out, nights in with friends, seeks genuine male 45-55 for friendship. Box 439607

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK
Loving, lively, cuddly female, 50, 5'4, loves rock music, walking, films, WILTM easygoing male for uncomplicated relationship, good times. Box 894299

THE LIGHT OF LOVE
50 year old woman, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can provide sex. Box 893611

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 50yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

SEEKING MR RIGHT
Hi I'm Karen, 51, 5'10, blonde/blue, medium build, GSOH, considerate, like keeping fit, romantic nights in/out, bowling, tennis, lots of sports, seeking male for relationship! Box 893277

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoys clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

WHITESTABLE WONDERLAND
Hi I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair, blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 820160

A STROLL IN THE GARDEN
51yr old young female, separated, 2 grown-up children, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes gardening, reading, travelling, seeking a nice gent for company and perhaps more. Box 439670

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'9", blonde/brunette, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WILTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

KENT CALLING!
Hi, I'm 42, good looking, attractive lady, 53yr young, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, GSOH, enjoys walks, reading, travelling, WILTM tall, considerate man for friendship. LTR. Box 439240

INDEPENDENT WOMAN
Bright, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoys cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419966

EVERYDAY PEOPLE
Happily divorced female, 56, 5'4", slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, intelligent, likes a laugh, the cinema, cooking, walks, WILTM compatible male for everyday romance... Box 439321

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 58, 5'4", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901

FRIENDS FIRST
Sincere female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated, seeking a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

COUNTRY LOVE
Partially disabled 58yr old country woman, 5'5", fairly attractive, enjoys gardening, home life, WILTM country loving man for company and possibly LTR. Box 439605

PUT SPARK INTO LIFE
Happy, contented single lady, 59, NS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822

LET'S GO!
Justin, 27, enjoys bowling, cinema, pubs, clubs, quiet nights in, seeking an outgoing female 18-28 for friendship leading to possible LTR. Box 439568

START IT UP
Average-looking guy, 32, slim, tall, grey eyes, short hair, into regular things, pubs, restaurants, GSOH, WILTM similar-aged lady for fun evenings, movies. Box 894161

GRAB THE BULL BY THE HORNS
Gary, 35, a genuine loving male, fun, outgoing and kind, loves sports, museums, holidays, music and more, seeks special lady for start of something special. Box 894023

SECURITY AND WARMS
I'm 35, 6'11, have a beautiful little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and trust and make a new life with. Box 896178

THANKS FOR LOOKING!
Adventurous male, 35, 5'10, slim, athletic, sports, cycling, travelling, seeking sincere, caring female with GSOH for socialising, drinks, films, meals, more. Box 437499

READ & SEE
I'm 38, medium build, short brown hair, hazel eyes, into love, clubs, cinema, eating out, seeking a nice lady for friendship, travel, pub, playing pool, eating out, swimming, bowling, motorcycles, seeking career girl. Box 421059

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6'2", enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WILTM like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details. Box 430440

UNCOMPLICATED FUN & FRIENDSHIP
Independent, easygoing guy, 37, 5'8, hazel eyes, no ties, GSOH, likes theme parks, travel, pub, playing pool, eating out, swimming, bowling, motorcycles, seeking career girl. Box 421059

R U A ME?
Down to earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

FOR YOUR LOVE
Caring, reliable, attractive male, 36, 5'10, blonde hair, NS, no ties, GSOH, seeks, seeks nice, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margate. Box 410591

FANCY THIS
Jason, 38, 5'8, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 433326

MAKE YOUR...
Mark, 38, quite laid-back and easygoing, seeking a lady to share life with, eating out, drinks and days out with, hopefully much more. Box 437866

GET BACK TO ME!
GSOH, caring male with TLC to give, 39, seeking a lady to share life with, time relationship, size 10-12, looks important, for potential relationship. Box 439595

ANIMAL MAGIC!
Cuddly, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, passionate Scorpio, loves music, animals, reading/writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving/caring. Box 435152

A NEW CHAPTER...
Caprice female, 48, 5'17, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WILTM someone in the Maidstone area. Box 439547

MAGGIE MAY
Hi, I'm Maggie, sociable Sagittarian, 50, 52-year-old brunette, like music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded, buxom female, 40-55, for fun and more. Box 435191

THE HAPPY, GENTLE LIFE
Hello, I'm Emma, 55, into walking, cinema, gardening, different activities, seeking warm, gentle gay female for weekend talks, walks and friendship. Box 439616

LOOKING FOR QUALITY COMPANIONSHIP
Torbideau male, 41, 5'10, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, driving, regular nights in, seeking a loyal woman, 36-42, who's caring and fun-loving. Box 439233

WHAT'S INSIDE
Enjoys the good things in life: I'm male, 42, dark hair/dark skin, medium build. If you want to find out more, get back to me! Box 439722

ALL ABOUT POTENTIAL
Richard, 43, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'10, likes travelling, music, cinema, meals, for romance. Box 437420

WE CAN BE HEROES...
Homeowner, 43, slim, good-looking, enjoys music, cinema, nights in with a glass of wine, seeks attractive, kind, caring female, 30-45, for fun/relationship/commitment, maybe more. Box 367907

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6'11, likes travelling, films, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like-minded female, for friendship/more. Box 388967

SAME AGAIN
Genuine, lovely male, 41, 5'10", own home/career, loves meals in/out, nights in, WILTM similar female, any race, for friendship/more. Box 390882

AVERAGE JOE
Average Joe, 43, 5'10, medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love music, film, seeking female, 40-50, for romance. Box 435747

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/career, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, buxom female, 46, 5'8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship/more. Box 432164

SEEK WHERE IT LEADS
Fit male, 47, hard-working, 3 grown up children, likes going out, eating out, staying in, cinema/theatre, walks in countryside, WILTM attractive lady for partnership. Box 435856

HONEST AND CARING
Kind and trustful, 47 blond guy, blue/gray eyes, 5'8, like to have fun, run/ride, enjoys cinema nights in/out walks, travel, weekends away! WILTM female 32-45. Box 893221

WANTED TO LOVE
Good-looking lady, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, caring female with GSOH. No ties, no problem. Box 898446

READ THIS!
50yr old man, looking for black lady, 30-50, like eating in and out, walks, music, cinema, having a laugh. Like what you read? Box 439057

MADE FOR YOU
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Greener houses will look good and keep out the heat

PROPERTIES being developed will have an increased number of eco-friendly features – but they may not be immediately visible according to a developer.

GreenMoves, which specialises in environmentally-friendly developments, said facilities to collect rainwater, better insulation and triple glazing will all be incorporated in new designs.

They will be built alongside features such as solar panels.

French-style external shutters could also be added to keep out heat in an effort to combat hotter summers.

Julian Brooks, managing director of the company, said the shutters would keep buildings cool in hot weather – especially with top quality insulation.

Other experts have stated that the absence of too many visual elements will keep buildings looking attractive and not spoil aesthetic elements.

A recent survey undertaken by DIY store B&Q found that eight out of ten people questioned would be willing to pay more for a greener home.

Gateway building still top agenda item in county

HOUSEBUILDING remains high on the political agenda despite a predicted slump in the property market.

The county remains a building hotspot with the proposed developments along the Thames Gateway and areas surrounding Ashford one of the Government's highest-profile construction projects.

Ministers remain committed to the project – which includes prestige developments along the riverfront in Rochester and large-scale building between Medway and London – despite fears of an economic downturn.

Rupert Bates, editorial director of Showhouse.co.uk, a development website, said: "I've never known a time where housebuilding has been so high on political and social agendas."

He added that the issues under discussion included debates over the number of houses needed and their impact on the countryside.

Mortgage relief hope to boost housing market

CHEAPER mortgages are on their way as the Government fights to protect the housing market.

The credit crunch has led to gloomy predictions of a slump across the property industry and a fall in prices.

But according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders more competitive rates will be made available "in due course".

Experts say this is particularly good news for first-time buyers, who often feel the squeeze when the market is at its most volatile.

The statement from the influential financial group comes after a meeting between Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling and Housing Minister Caroline Flint, which Mr Darling called following the introduction of the Bank of England's £50 billion bond scheme to prop up the flagging market.

■ BY NICK AMES

Bosses at the CML said the move would improve confidence and enable the market to become more fluid – in other words make buying and selling more attractive and convenient.

Following the Bank's announcement Mr Darling called top mortgage industry executives to his Downing Street office to discuss what steps they can take to ensure repossessions don't start to rise – because consumers are finding it hard to refinance their loans.

New mortgage applicants and what could be done to help them were also on the agenda.

"I hope that lenders continue to take their responsibilities towards customers seriously," Mr Darling said.

In a joint statement after the meeting, the lenders agreed that the plan by the Bank of England



PROTECTION: Chancellor Alistair Darling has announced measures which should allow banks to resume offering a better deal for those looking for mortgages

to allow banks to swap what could be hard-to-shift mortgage assets for Government money which would need to be repaid – but in a better financial climate – would help ease funding pressures and ultimately allow them to offer cheaper loans.

"The Bank's actions should ease funding conditions for mortgage lenders over time to help to ensure the continued availability of a wide range of mortgages for potential borrowers at competi-

tive prices," Michael Coogan, director-general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said.

Mr Darling has pursued a steady policy in attempting to get lenders to agree to lower interest rates following the move by the Bank of England.

The Bank of England has cut interest rates three times since December to shore up the economy, but a number of mortgage lenders have been raising the cost of their home loan products.

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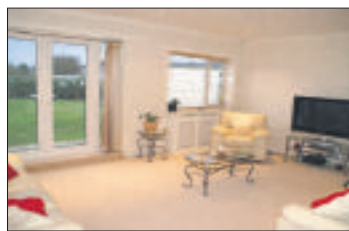
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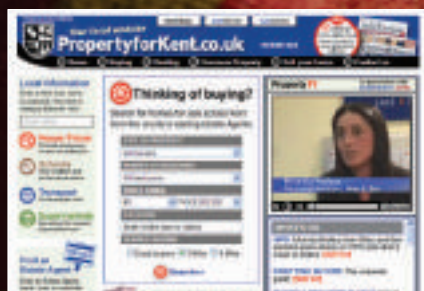
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MOTORS NEWS



Trust shows its trust in Motorline's vans

KENT'S Paula Carr Trust has bought its seventh Renault Master from Motorline Ashford.

The mobile eye screening charity for diabetic patients across Kent was formed in 1989 in memory of Paula Carr, who died from diabetes at 13, and it operates from bases at Ashford and Maidstone.

Its new Master van was customised by Euromotive of Lympne and handed over by Daniel John of Motorline to Pamela Walsh from the Trust.

She said: "They (Motorline) always have the vans ready for us in record time and we plan to keep using them as our supplier in the future should our van fleet need expanding."



New Focus sporting flagship out now

FORD dealers across Kent can expect a renewed rush for the latest Focus ST – reckoned to be the best hot hatch on the UK market, pound for pound.

The new version available from tomorrow, Thursday, suits the big lower grille sported by the facelift Focus range since January and starts at £18,250.

But the big selling point is the turbocharged 223bhp 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine, with sporty soundtrack, 150mph top speed and 0-62mph acceleration in just 6.8 seconds. The car also rides on smart 18-inch alloys.



Leon boosted for more power, less emissions

SMALL turbocharged petrol engines are becoming the smart way for carmakers to retain power output yet slash emissions.

This has been underlined by the latest SEAT Leon model; the 1.4-litre TSI (from £13,755) offers 123bhp against 100bhp from the existing and similarly priced 'un-blown' 1.6-litre Leon, does 0-62mph in 9.8 seconds rather than 11.7, has diesel-style direct injection for low-down punch and delivers lower emissions, placing the car in road tax band-D (£145/year) – the 1.6 is band-E (£170).



ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE: The MINI Clubman offers more space to buyers, and promises to hold its value so well that motoring is cheaper than with some of its industry rivals

Spacious Clubman hits MINI growth target

FOR all its marvellous packaging and driving fun, BMW's reborn MINI is not that spacious, largely due to modern crash protection.

BMW has tried addressing this with the Clubman (from £14,235) costing around £1,200 more than equivalent MINI hatches.

It is 24cm longer – eight bringing more rear legroom – and boot space is up 100 litres to 260.

The car's retro effect is maintained by side-opening back doors à la original 1960s Mini Traveller/Countryman estates.

But the single side door to the rear seats is on the 'wrong' side, BMW opting to please left-hand drive markets by having the extra door on the offside, so rear passengers will probably tilt the front passenger seat and enter and exit via the car's front nearside door.

But few would-be buyers actually care about the 'Big Door Debate' says Broad Oak MINI at Ashford's Orbital Park.

"Yes, it's pretty much the first thing people say if they're here to look at the hatchback, but it's the last if they're here for a Clubman."

ROAD TEST MINI CLUBMAN

BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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"They tend to like the Clubman look and the extra room and see the door as a bonus," said site manager Juliet Foreman.

Broad Oak loaned us a Cooper entry model for our test, but there is also a diesel Cooper D (£15,400) and turbocharged Cooper S (£17,210).

None are slouches – even the 110bhp diesel hits 62mph in 10.4 seconds – and they are greener too thanks to BMW/MINI's new 'efficient dynamics', including 'Auto Start-Stop', which stops the engine automatically when the car halts and neutral is selected, restarting when the clutch pedal is depressed.

There is also 'brake energy regeneration' to recharge the battery and relieve the alternator's demand on the engine.

MINIs are not cheap, but they hold their money so well – especially with the TLC five-year service package and option packages – that motoring is cheaper overall than many rivals.

The ride is quite taut, but grip and handling is excellent, while the well-designed interior, with trademark big central speedo and homage to the original 1960s icon, is a masterpiece.



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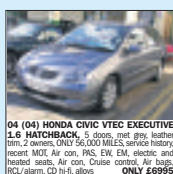
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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

AUDI A6



UNTIL the current A6 range, Audi's 'management motor' struggled to match its German rivals for style and image, though fit and finish was beyond reproach. However, examples built before the current 2004 line-up (pictured) can still be incredible bargains. Unless you buy the more expensive quattro versions though, an A6 means front-wheel drive – not everyone's preference. Ride and comfort also tends towards hard and 'sporting', but the A6 has excellent powerplants, particularly diesels.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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COUPE, 2.0 Se 3dr, 1051649, hyundai coupe 2.0 se 3dr hyundai hyundai asford drake & fletcher silver, 2006, 5500 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £10795, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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S-TYPE, 3.0 V6 SE, 2001, star silver, 53000 miles, £5000, A1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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In addition to the Project Manager duties, the Area Team Leader will be expected to work closely with all agencies, schools and communities to identify networking opportunities and establish firm partnerships. You will take a shared responsibility for supporting other staff delivering in the same area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, ideally in primary phase. Ref: CFE/o8/o147

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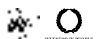
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37 hours per week
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37 hours per week
Ashford

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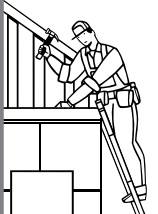
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Networking lunch at annual exhibition

BUSINESS figures will be converging on the Ashford International Hotel in the summer for its popular annual exhibition.

The business-to-business event, in its 22nd year, will take place on Tuesday, June 24, and is being organised by the Invicta Chamber of Commerce. The event will held from 10am-5pm.

Organisers say it is an ideal way for businesses to make contacts. There will also be a networking lunch. Entrance to the exhibition is free.

For details about exhibition space at the event, you can phone Frankie on 01233 503838, or email frankie@kentinvictachamber.co.uk.

Bathroom company moving up in size

WORK is under way on a new home for Claygate, the Kent-based distributor of bathroom and plumbing products to the merchant trade.

Based at Pattenden Lane in Marden, Claygate is investing £8.3 million in the construction of a 106,833 sq ft (9,925 sq m) distribution and office development, which will safeguard the local workforce as well as generating new posts later on in the year.

The new building will occupy 6.9 acres of Claygate's 11.73-acre site on the outskirts of the village and will leave space for further expansion and landscaping.

Doing the work is GSE Design and Build, based in Ashford, and the building is expected to be ready for occupation in August this year.

Chamber has space

THE Dover District Chamber of Commerce Business Exhibition will be taking place on Thursday, May 22, at the Ramada Hotel from 10am-4pm. There are still some stands left to hire.

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How businesses fare in the teeth of the notorious Operation Stack



WRITE STUFF: Miriam Adisa has won this year's competition

FROM the days of dropping our first pennies into a piggy bank to opening up a new bank account, our society is no stranger to the concept of saving.

Yet for many people saving relates only to short-term aims such as an exotic holiday or a luxury car. Few think about saving for the future – in particular for retirement.

Given our familiarity with the concept of saving, widespread knowledge as to what this actually involves is surprisingly limited.

According to YouGov, only a quarter of British people are putting money away for their future. Many have not even started to save, particularly women.

The population of this country, like many in the Western world, is ageing: modern technology means that life expectancy has increased while the birth rate drops.

As a result, in a few decades the non-working population (pensioners) may eclipse the working population.

People won't be able to rely on the ever-decreasing state pension so must do their best

Retirement is a winner for young schoolgirl

CHISLEHURST and Sidcup Grammar schoolgirl Miriam Adisa, 17, has been named as the ifs Young Business Writer of the Year 2008.

Financial education charity the ifs School of Finance – ifs was previously called the Institute of Financial Services – runs an annual competition open to all UK students aged between 14 and 19.

This year the title was 'Saving for the future, one size fits all?'. Here is an edited version of Miriam's article.

to save and invest for their own future as the global retirement funding crisis looms.

Pensions should really be used in conjunction with another investment option to ensure full satisfaction – although they do have an edge over other investments in that the Government offers tax breaks on the money saved for retirement.

While there might not be a right or wrong

option, it is still very important not to put all your eggs in one basket.

The best advice is to spread investment options: a more diversified and long-term portfolio should guarantee financial security.

The saving options at present are numerous, but the problem in our society is not with the options available but whether or not we are fully utilising them.

Our attitude towards saving is also to blame. Our consumer society – buy now, pay later – means that saving and retirement in particular are almost seen as taboo subjects.

Many people begin to think of their financial responsibilities only after coming out of university saddled with debt and with the ability to save many years down the line.

One implication of this is that many will have to extend their working lives. Attitudes and a lack of awareness seem to be the roots of the problem.

The solution lies with each individual to play a part to plan and save for their future.

The best time to start is now.

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**RELEGATION MIRE:** Folkestone (in stripes) were unable to find the goals for victory

Home defeat sends Invicta down

FOOTBALL

Folkestone Invicta 0 Maidstone United 1

A FIRST-HALF goal from striker Mo Takaloo condemned Folkestone Invicta to relegation from the Ryman Premier League in front of a bumper 1,334 crowd at The Buzzlines Stadium.

Maidstone thought they had taken the lead in the 23rd-minute, when Takaloo headed in after a long throw from the right-hand side was nodded on, but the 'goal' was ruled out by an assistant referee.

However, the all-important goal in this must-win match came three minutes later, when Takaloo again latched onto a headed though ball and clipped it over advancing goalkeeper Luke Stonebridge.

Invicta responded, as Leigh

Dickson was beaten by Nathan Paul.

The home side's luck worsened as they were reduced to 10 men with centre half Frankie Chappell sent-off for a second yellow card in the 89th minute.

The defender was booked for a heavy challenge on substitute Jacob Erskine.

The visitors had to survive nearly six minutes of stoppage time during which goalkeeper Mullin had to touch a low Kevin Watson shot round the post for a corner, Craig Roser headed off the line from Watson following a corner from the right and Invicta defender Liam Friend had a shot blocked by Marc Cleary right on the final whistle.

Top two ready to step up to the oche

HAVING already exceeded their points total for the winter season after just five games, Archer find themselves joint top of the Dover League after a 5-4 win at Bull A.

Although Bull A's Andy Howell recorded his third 180 of the season, Archer fought back from 4-3 down to win 5-4, with Baz Tyler beating Ben Tester in the decisive game.

The result sets up an early season showdown this Friday with fellow front-runners The Malvern, who also came from behind to beat Phoenix Cups 6-3. Trailing 3-2.

Malvern won four straight games to stay joint-top.

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Mark Stimson says he has no regrets about taking over as Gillingham boss

Town finish fourth after early promise

HYPHE TOWN'S best season in years ended on a flat note on Saturday, when they were beaten 2-0 by Tunbridge Wells at the Culverden.

For much of the season Hythe looked like genuine promotion contenders, but their title hopes were ended by a defeat at Erith & Belvedere and they were never at the races against Tunbridge Wells.

In front of a paltry crowd of 81, the Wells took a 49th-minute lead through Sam Phillips and killed Hythe off when Joe Fuller added a second 15 minutes later.

The result means Hythe finish fourth in the Kent League Premier Division table.

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**DEVASTATED:** Folkestone Invicta boss Neil Cugley (inset) believes his side can bounce back despite suffering relegation against Maidstone United at The Buzzlines Stadium on Saturday

Cugley says young squad will learn from relegation

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

FOLKESTONE INVICTA boss Neil Cugley was left devastated after a narrow defeat relegated his side, but he remains upbeat about his young squad.

Conceding a Mo Takaloo goal in the first half proved too much for Folkestone, as they were unable to find the goals needed for victory that had been present in the 5-4 comeback at Margate last week.

However, ultimately not scoring enough goals has cost Invicta this season.

A dejected Cugley said: "I am disappointed to be relegated. We have got more points than last year, scored more goals and yet we have dropped out of the Ryman Premier League.

"I didn't think we should have gone down, but at the end of the day the tables do not lie and we have. It has been so tight down at the bottom and this is probably the same for Maidstone, but we have not really scored

enough goals throughout the year. We need somebody to get you 20 goals in this division and we have not had that last year or even this year."

Last week Folkestone were given hope as four goals from Leigh Bremner helped them to victory after being 3-1 down.

Comeback

However, on Saturday Cugley's side looked nervous, as they were outplayed by Maidstone. With Carshalton Athletic winning against Tonbridge Angels, a goal would not have been enough for Folkestone and if they had scored both sides would have been relegated.

He said: "The comeback at Margate did give us hope because if we had lost that game last

week we would have been down. To be fair, Maidstone were physically very strong and a very experienced side.

"We looked a bit nervous in the first half, but in the end we gave it a go, but it wasn't to be. It is ironic because if we had scored they would have gone down as well as the results have gone against us."

Cugley has a young squad at the Buzzlines Stadium and he believes the relegation experience will mould his players into stronger individuals.

In the summer, the Folkestone boss hopes to attract a couple of experienced players to make his side challengers for the Ryman Division One title next season.

He added: "A lot of the players are so young, they will just take it on the chin and move on. I think it will make them stronger, we have such a young squad of players and local lads.

"They will all become better players and if we can get a few experienced players around then we will be a force to be reckoned with."



CLOSE-RUN THING: Dover won their play-off at Purley John Fisher to secure the club's fifth promotion in six years, which means they will be playing in London 2 South

How Close finish sealed promotion joy for Dover

DOVER will play in London 2 South next season after a play-off victory secured the club their fifth promotion in six seasons.

The win also rammed the ill-chosen words of one home supporter straight back down his throat.

Having greeted the arriving Dover contingent by saying "It's a long way to come for a thrashing," the fan handed the visitors all the motivation they needed to condemn Purley to a third play-off defeat in recent seasons.

Dover enjoyed the better of the opening quarter, only for basic errors to prevent them from posting any points.

PJF went ahead on 28 minutes when they

RUGBY

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Purley John Fisher 19 Dover 25

opted for a five-metre scrum and their pack drove over for a try.

However, the conversion was missed and Dover immediately seized the initiative. The forwards ploughed into PJF territory and Dan Robinson eventually touched down after a series of phases.

Ben Sedgwick's conversion gave Dover a 7-5 lead, but a failure to clear their lines properly saw the Surrey side edge back in front and the visitors had to withstand significant

pressure before the break. Two early penalties sparked premature celebrations from the home fans and when their outside half spilled the ball, Ricky Mackintosh gathered and sprinted 40-yards to put the visitors back in the game.

Sedgwick then kicked two penalties, the second for a "clothes line" on Jon Foster that should have produced a card.

A penalty gave PJF a 19-18 lead in the dying minutes but Dover were twice reprieved. First hooker Kirk Savage was punched, denying the home side a penalty.

Then, with four minutes left and PJF threatening to kill the visitors off, Foster ripped the ball from the rival centre and released Ed Close, who sprinted the length of the pitch for a magical try.



STAYING: Neil Cugley should be safe as manager of Folkestone Invicta, despite the club being relegated

Young team will come good, says Invicta boss

FOOTBALL

NEIL CUGLEY will stay in charge of Folkestone Invicta, according to general manager and former chairman Bob Dix, after the side were relegated after losing against Maidstone United on Saturday.

Cugley, who is one of the league's longest-serving managers, has been in charge at the Buzzlines since 1997.

In his time he has overseen promotion in 1999-2000 and relegation in 2002-2003 and this season.

Former chairman Dix said he would be shocked if Cugley is sacked, but has not ruled out the possibility.

He said: "I should think Neil will stay on as manager but I cannot really comment on that. It is something for the chairman to sort out in the summer."

One of the problems the club has faced over a number of years is a small budget. This year it has cost them as their young side failed to avoid relegation to Ryman Division One South.

Injuries

However, Cugley fully believes his team will come good in years to come.

"We have a young squad and we are unable to keep up with the other clubs in the division with our finances," he said. "We probably have the one of the smallest squads in the league so it is always going to be difficult to compete with the budget we have."

A flurry of injuries during the first half of the season also hindered Invicta's attempts to move up from their lowly position in the Ryman Premier League table.

Invicta have gathered more points and scored more goals than their relegation rivals, but Dix still believes the biggest problem was a lack of firepower.

He said: "We have not played very well in the last few matches and in that respect we probably deserved to go down."

"Injuries always seemed to hit us at the wrong time. However, probably the biggest problem has been a lack of goals."

No let-up from Hess's champions

FOOTBALL

Walton & Hersham 0 Dover Athletic 3

ANDY HESSENTHALER'S newly-crowned champions finished the season in style with a comfortable away victory and a brace from John Wallis.

After a 2-0 defeat against Sittingbourne last week halted Hesselthaler's target of 100 points, Dover could have been forgiven for finding it hard to motivate themselves for the match. However, this was not the case as once again the Whites put on another professional performance.

The visitors opened the scoring as early as the ninth minute with a well-worked goal. Frannie Collin nodded the ball down on the edge of the area into the path of the sprinting Wallis, who fired the ball into the bottom corner.

Increased

It was Wallis who increased the lead on the half-hour. Shaun Welford made the run down the left wing and crossed the ball into the area for the former Gillingham midfielder to tap into the net.

Dover could have gone three up before half-time, but Collin failed to get enough power in his shot to send the ball through the arms of Walton & Hersham goalkeeper Stuart Searle.

In the second half, Dover netted their third through Welford. The striker used his pace to burst through a gap in the Walton & Hersham defence and slotted the ball into the bottom corner.

The home side rarely threatened in the 90 minutes as Dover's defence denied them a shot on target. The three points means the Whites will finish the season on 98 points, 12 points



PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE: A John Wallis brace helped champions Dover to another comfortable win

clear of nearest rivals Tooting & Mitcham.

The manager has stated he is looking to bring in a couple of players during the summer to strengthen the squad ahead of

next season in the Ryman Premier League.

However, Whites fans will no longer be able to look forward to a derby with Folkestone Invicta as they were relegated on Saturday.

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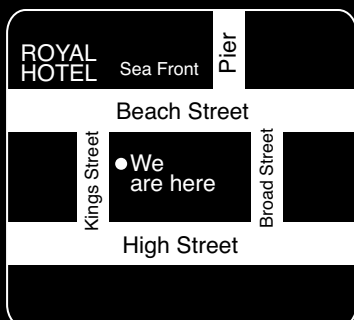
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